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**BRYAN ROBSON**

**'NO EUROPEAN CUP SUCCESS  
FOR ENGLAND'**  
**—LIAM BRADY**

# Against the odds

TWO months ago the average soccer fan would have flashed a worried frown if asked to list the qualifications of Richie Barker and John Neal for handling two of the most demanding managerial assignments in the League.

"Richie who?" would have been the reaction in most regions, with the notable exception of the Black Country where he had worked efficiently, without fuss, as assistant to Wolves' manager John Barnwell.

John Neal had been given little more exposure in newspapers after quietly steering Middlesbrough to a position of strength in the First Division after succeeding Jack Charlton at Ayresome Park.

So when Barker was chosen to manage Stoke City and Neal to rescue Chelsea, neither man was given much chance of success.

The doubters are beginning to believe they were misguided.

Barker has transformed Stoke City from a workmanlike team under Alan Durban to one of the most exciting units in the First Division.

## SHOOT, view!

Unfortunately, such is the club's unimpressive history that whatever magic Barker conjures from his team they are unlikely to receive the credit they deserve for entertaining the Victoria Ground fans.

Neal arrived at Chelsea as, arguably, their least celebrated manager of the ten they have employed since the War.

His track record at Wrexham and Middlesbrough had been commendable without stirring the headlines managers such as Brian Clough, Bobby Robson and John Bond provoke.

Would he succeed at Chelsea where Eddie McCreadie, Ken Sheltito, Danny Blanchflower and Geoff Hurst had failed in recent times?

He was given little or no money to spend, despite Chelsea's assurance that funds were available, and confessed privately before the start of the season that he doubted whether the squad was good enough to climb back to the First Division.

Perhaps they are not, but Chelsea are having a very good try, and their 1-1 League Cup result at Southampton earlier this month with a patched-up team prompted their fans to race on to The Dell chanting Neal's name.

Barker and Neal might win nothing this season, but deserve the admiration of all soccer fans for having the courage to take on two of the most difficult jobs in football and achieve unexpected success for their efforts.

**A**N Italian summer seems to have done little to colour Liam Brady's Dublin face. Perhaps, too, the drabness of Italian football is reflected in his eyes.

"It's like a game of chess. One mistake and that's it — a goal. It is an enjoyable time for me but I would never pretend the football is as good as in England. The English First Division is far stronger — there are no easy games. In Italy, when Juventus go to an away game against lesser opposition, the home team will often play for a draw. Ridiculous.



# MOVE OVER

No Euro success for the Champions or Villa warns Liam Brady

"Football in England, yes, it's much more entertaining than the Italian game. But the lack of leadership in the game in England has to be a worry.

"The people at the top haven't run the game well. The transfers are crazy. There is too much TV coverage and too many alternative attractions. People can choose things other than football in England but I wonder if the authorities realise that.

"Italian TV is limited. The highlights, or rather just the goals

from every match, but no more. If you want to see a game, you have to go. You can't see it on TV, so gates are still good enough."

But Brady's criticisms are aimed more at the whole social strata than anything else.

"If the British broadened their minds, they would realise there are not so many problems in the English game.

"Look at Spain — the players were on strike recently because the clubs wouldn't and couldn't pay them money they were owed. In France, you're lucky if you get 8,000 or 10,000 for a First Division game. So I don't believe things are that bad."

## Factor

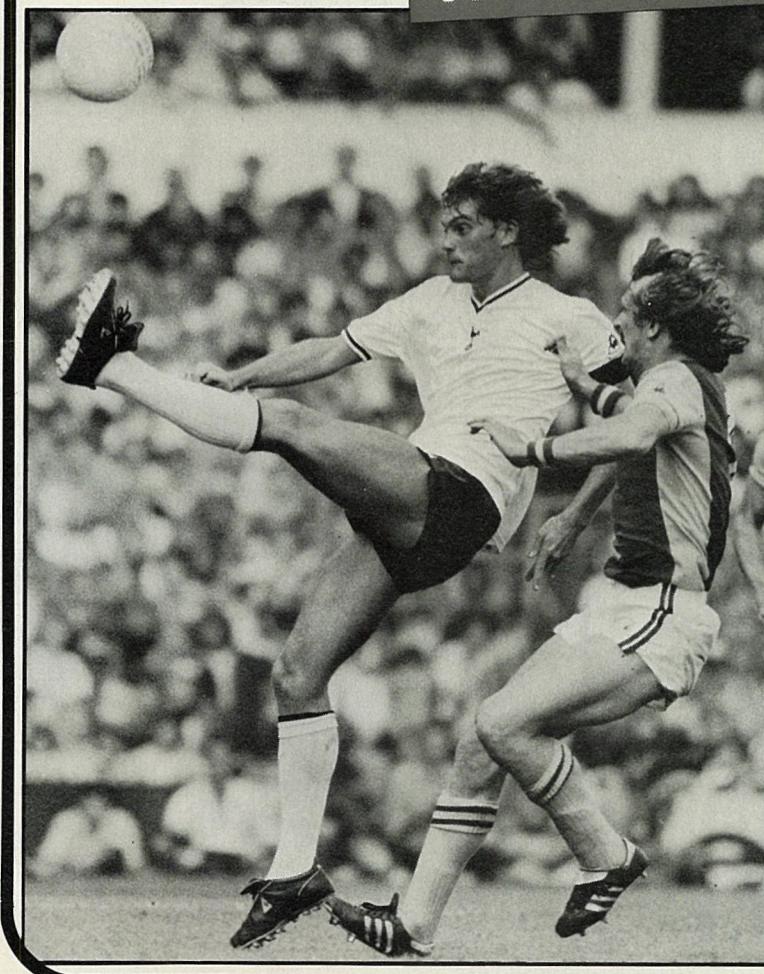
The English international scene is another factor, says Brady.

"I don't think England have picked the players who can play in the international arena.

"Glenn Hoddle should have 25 caps, not the few he has. But he'll never perform in international football without experience, without being given his head. And he'll certainly never do it if he's played in the wrong position, as I understand he was in Norway.

"Now, England need the right man in charge because the players are there.

"Brian Clough should get the job. You need someone extra-



One of the brightest young talents in England, Glenn Hoddle, but the Spurs midfielder is still not a regular international.

**Alan Kennedy and Phil Neal after the 1981 European Cup Final win over Real Madrid . . . but will Liverpool retain the trophy this season?**

ordinary to get a grip on the England team. Clough has won European Cups with ordinary teams, transformed ordinary players into medal winning men.

"He has made players out of nothing. And they would play for Clough."

Brady's thoughts deserve consideration. Those looking in from the outside often see a clearer picture than the participants, unable to discern the wood from the trees.

Juventus? "Winning the title last season was a great achievement,

club will, either. Liverpool have made the worst start I can remember and may be over the top at last. Aston Villa don't have the experience, so another country could win it this time."

Joe Jordan's transfer to Milan will be a big success, according to Brady.

"He has already won over the crowd; they love him for his enthusiasm. He gives everything in each match and Italians love that; not many Italian players are committed that way.

"He will give AC the power in the box they lacked last season. They've struggled to score goals but Joe will score and make goals for others. He won't regret the move.

"I have no doubts about his

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for they had not done so for three years. For a club which expects silverware on the sideboard at the end of **EVERY** season, that was an eternity.

"But I don't see us winning the European Cup this season. Juventus have never won that trophy. It's probably got something to do with Italian mentality; they are complex people.

"The further they go, the more nervous they become. That's why, in the Argentina World Cup, they never put up the performances they should have done in the later stages. They could have gone all the way in 1978.

"We won't win the European Cup but I don't think an English

**Aston Villa kicked-off their European Cup campaign with easy wins over Valur of Iceland. Brady is pessimistic about their future chances, though.**

temperament. Italian football isn't as cruel as the myth implies. The fouls are petty, rather than vicious.

"I haven't had one yellow card and have missed just one match through injury since I went there. They pull you back and obstruct. But I've seen worse fouls in other European countries."

Brady has two seasons left on his contract, including this one.

"I might stay after that," he says. "The experience of playing abroad is something I'll never regret. Even if it hadn't worked, I would have welcomed it for what it has taught me.

"I wouldn't go to another European country, however. I'd stay in Italy or return to Britain. But whatever I do, I know the move has been a success already. I've faced the challenge and succeeded. You know, in a strange way, that means more to me than almost anything else."





## Hammers and Hatters glory

LUTON TOWN emerged from the pack as the winners of the Pepsi II Award for August and September. Manager David Pleat commented: "I told my players to aim for **every** monthly award — and they've made the right start!"

John Lyall, manager of West Ham, who pipped Ipswich for the first Pepsi I Award, said: "The money is being awarded for the right reason — goals. Goals mean brighter football and more supporters."

The closest finish came in Pepsi III where Bristol Rovers edged Newport out of the top spot by just one point.

Despite Blackpool's storming seven-goal finish to the month, Bradford City won the Pepsi IV Award by a clear six points.

### DIVISION I

Team	Matches Played	Home Points	Away Points	Bonus Points	Total
West Ham	7	9	12	9	30
Ipswich	7	8	14	6	28
Swansea	7	12	6	6	24
Coventry	7	11	6	6	23
Stoke	7	5	14	3	23
Spo's	7	4	12	6	22
Southampton	7	7	12	3	22
Man. City	7	7	8	5	21
Newm. Forest	7	6	10	3	19
Birmingham	7	8	4	6	18
Everton	7	8	2	5	16
Notts Co.	7	4	12	0	16
Aston Villa	7	3	8	3	14
Sunderland	7	2	8	2	13
Brighton	7	5	8	0	13
Leeds	8	4	4	3	11
Middlesbrough	7	6	2	3	11
Man. United	8	3	6	6	11
W.B. Albion	7	4	2	3	9
Wolves	7	4	2	3	9
Liverpool	7	3	6	0	9
Arsenal	7	2	4	0	6

**SCORING**  
One Point for Home Goal. Two Points for Away Goal. Three Bonus Points for three or more goals in any match Home or Away.



## 'I'M NOT ROUGH'

Pleads Villa star

STRONG man Aston Villa defender Allan Evans has reacted angrily to an attack on him by Liverpool boss Bob Paisley. Paisley's blast came after Evans had fouled Liverpool striker Kenny Dalglish when the English Champions and the European Champs clashed at Anfield.

Evans protested: "I think television has proved it wasn't a bad foul. Kenny's the sort of player who stops quickly and makes it hard to come in with a tackle. It was my body which made contact with him. I certainly didn't catch him with my boot."

# League plan to restore regional soccer

THE Football League Management Committee's proposal to resurrect regional football in the lower Divisions after a lapse of 22 years has brought heated debate on both sides of the fence.

Bob Martin, chairman of Fourth Division Bradford City doesn't like the idea at all.

"In fact, if it happens it will be the beginning of the end for football as we know it," he says.

"Under this scheme clubs would have their chances of promotion reduced to one in 18."

Don Robinson, chairman of the Alliance Premier club Scarborough hopes the plan is adopted.

"It doesn't make economic sense for the likes of York City travelling to Torquay or Bournemouth. In the Third Division (North) we would have bigger gates with derby matches almost every week."

"If Scarborough are admitted to the League I'm sure we'll take more fans to York or Hull than Torquay would."

"It's criminal that clubs like ours and Altrincham can't get into the League when the likes of Crewe and Halifax struggle to survive year after year."

Bob Martin argues. "We should be thinking of playing more matches not less. With only 18 clubs in each Division we'd only get 34 League games each season as against 46."

"Bradford City won't be voting for the plan."

Final word to Don Robinson: "That's a shame. But it will come about, it's only a matter of time. It will certainly benefit the players. A lot of them will go part-time and they'll be better off for it."

## NEWS DESK

Compiled by BILL DAY



ONE of the most comprehensive statistical studies of a club has recently been published.

'Brentford Match Facts and Figures' contains the club's results, goalscorers, players' appearances and League tables from 1920-81.

Copies are available from the authors Graham Haynes and Eric White at 1 Towers Road, Upper Beeding, Steyning, West Sussex BN4 3JL, price £1.70 which includes postage.

All proceeds of the book will go to the club.

FORMER England star Geoff Hurst has swapped the manager's hot-seat for a safer office chair.

Like Jimmy Greaves, the man Geoff replaced in England's successful 1966 World Cup winning team, he has recently embarked on a new career in management with the Abbey Life Insurance Company.

## A new life for Geoff

"I never thought selling insurance could be so interesting," says Geoff. "But it's a great challenge and I am determined to be a success."

"People keep asking if I miss football. Of course I do, but it would take a very big offer to tempt me back."

Apart from selling insurance, Geoff will also be involved with the training of staff.

• The Football League Management Committee's main proposals are:

1. Retain the present structure of the First and Second Divisions.
2. The formation of three Third Divisions on a regional basis: Third Division (North), Third Division (South) and Third Division (Midlands).
3. Scrap the Fourth Division.
4. Three up and three down between the First and Second Divisions as at present.
5. Only one team to be promoted from each of the regional Third Divisions to the Second Division each season.
6. Three teams to be relegated from the Second Division — and possible re-allocation of teams in the regional divisions dependent on geographical location.
7. The foundation of a new Association Members Cup to be competed for by the Third Division clubs.
8. No re-election to the Football League at the end of the season required as at present.

## Chairman faces fans

MIDDLESBROUGH chairman Charles Amer made a remarkable gesture to his critics. Sixty fans were invited to fire questions at him at a special meeting.

Mr. Amer told the fans: "Ask any questions you like. If I am proved wrong in any of my facts I will offer a substantial amount of money to charity."

The fans took the opportunity to quiz Mr. Amer on the controversial sale of star players and the First Division decline.

Mr. Amer told his critics: "Middlesbrough back their managers in the buying and selling of players. In my years of office, no manager has ever been refused money."





**ALLAN CLARKE**, manager of struggling Leeds United, could be going back to old club Barnsley in a bid to strengthen the Elland Road staff.

One player he would like is attacking midfielder Ian Banks. Banks had a marvellous season as Barnsley roared into the Second Division last term, scoring 14 League goals.

LIVERPOOL GOALKEEPER BRUCE GROB BELAAR is gaining a reputation for sky-larking. Our candid camera captured him doing handstands whilst Terry McDermott took a penalty at the other end. Bruce is alleged to have infuriated Bob Paisley on Liverpool's pre-season tour by extending his arms windmill fashion in one game before rolling the ball from the finger-tips of his right hand, along his arm and behind his neck to his left hand.

## DERBY'S BARGAIN BUY

**COLIN ADDISON**, boss of hard-up Second Division club Derby, will never better the £25,000 he spent on goalkeeper Roger Jones.

Jones, aged 34, who joined Derby from Stoke in July last year, has more than lived up to Addison's expectations.

"No goalkeeper is perfect," says Addison. "They all make mistakes, but Roger has really proved his worth."

An England Under-23 player in his days with Bournemouth, he has also served Blackburn and Newcastle.

## Berry comeback bid

**WOLVES** and Wales defender George Berry believes he is on the way back to the international arena after starting the season in the Wolves reserves

And he thanks new Wolves skipper Joe Gallagher for it all. Berry was called back into the team when Wolves hit an early season rocky spell to form a defensive partnership with Gallagher.

That was the best thing that

happened to him for he reckons:

"Playing alongside Joe has done a lot for my game. There are no hidden quirks about the way Joe plays and there seems to be an entirely different atmosphere when we are operating together."

"I have been given the best possible chance to win my place back in the Welsh team. If I can stay in the first team then I feel I can succeed in getting an international recall."

## 100 NOT OUT

**BERWICK RANGERS** are inviting all past players and officials to contact the club so that they can join in this season's centenary celebrations at Shielfield Park, the highlight of which will be a game against Leicester City.

## Briefly

Former Birmingham City defender or midfield schemer Jimmy Calderwood, now in Holland with Wilhem II could soon be back in Britain.

Hibs boss Bertie Auld, wants him for a key role in his newly promoted side.

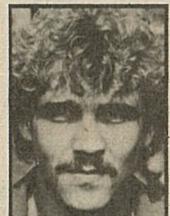
Leicester are also keeping close tabs on him.

Calderwood, who is in his second season with the Dutch side, is a former Scotland Under-23 cap.

Rangers goalkeeper Peter McCloy has been capped by Scotland — at golf. Peter, a three-handicap player with the Girvan club in Ayrshire, was selected for the Ford Amateur National Golf Tournament.

Lars Ericsson, an administrator in a computer company in Stockholm, has been an avid fan of Sheffield Wednesday since

## More trouble at Albion



MARK GREW (left), West Bromwich Albion's young goalkeeper, is resigned to the fact that his Football League prospects at The Hawthorns are extremely limited in view of the consistency of Tony Godden.

This is why Mark is to seek a move at the end of his contract, which expires next year.

Mark said: "The only chance I have is if Tony gets injured, but on his past record even this opening seems very slender."

"This is why I've made up my mind that I'm in my last season with Albion."

Albion players and officials got a black mark from some of their supporters on the recent trip to Zurich.

The supporters in two coaches claimed that they were completely ignored by the players and officials in Zurich.

They were part of the official supporters club group at the game against Grasshoppers.

Albion secretary, Mr. Tony Rance, said: "We can only apologise to these supporters. But we were late at the time and we were being escorted to the ground."

The supporters claim that only one player, David Mills, even spoke to them at the time.

He first saw them in 1952. Whenever he can, generally once a year, he pops over to England to see them at Hillsborough.

This month he intends breaking his journey to America so that he can see Wednesday play Charlton. In New York on October 25th he will be running in the New York Marathon . . . wearing a Sheffield Wednesday shirt!

Everton are planning to install a new artificial pitch in their large indoor area at their Bellefield training ground. Manager Howard Kendall has already inspected the Omniturf pitch at Queens Park Rangers and a slightly different surface used at Barnsley.

Terry Conroy, who has had FIVE cartilage operations, was injured in his League of Ireland debut. The Eire assistant manager, who was released by Crewe, hurt his back in his debut for Waterford.

## JACK IN THE BOX

FOOTBALL'S new John Wark — that's the title given to Norwich striker Ross Jack (right) by coach Mel Machin.

"Wark's a master at timing runs to perfection to nick goals out of nothing. And Jack has the same happy knack," says Norwich boss Ken Brown.

"He was an out-and-out striker when we signed him from Everton for a bargain £20,000 two years ago."

"But he was never happy at having to receive the ball with his back to goal. So we moved him into midfield and he immediately looked much more comfortable."

"Yet at the start of this season, when injury and suspension left me short of front players, I pushed Ross into service as an emergency striker."

"He then went out and rattled seven goals in seven games."

## THOMSON'S A 'TIGER'

SCOTLAND manager Jock Stein is among those who will be following the progress of Middlesbrough new boy Bobby Thomson with interest.

Stein was among the many people who recommended Thomson to the Ayresome Park boss Bobby Murdoch.

And the Scotland boss said: "He is a very aggressive player, who will certainly add some bite to the Middlesbrough midfield."

That was good news to Murdoch, who paid Morton £175,000 for Thomson in the hope he can go a long way towards repairing their problems.

## SPORTS STARS AID CANCER RESEARCH



## MURDO MAGIC

CELTIC midfiel star Murdo MacLeod is making a name for himself with some spectacular long-range goals. But there is an explanation . . . in training, Murdo tries to hit the ball home off the post. Says Murdo: "I work on the principle that if I can hit the post in training then surely I'll be able to hit the net in games."

JUST some of the hundreds of mementoes donated by many top sporting stars to help raise money for Cancer Research.

The items, which included autographed photos from Ray Clemence and Peter Shilton, an Everton crest from Asa Hartford, autographed team shirts from Sporting Lisbon, ice-skating vest from champion Robin Cousins, racing goggles from Lester Piggott and an autographed baseball from The New York Yankees, were on display at a Sporting World Exhibition organised by the Honorary Treasurer of Cancer Research Harry France (seen here).

Brochures of the Exhibition can be obtained from Harry France, 6 Elham Close, Gillingham, Kent, price 25p. Cheques and postal orders made payable to Cancer Research Campaign.

# BRYAN ROBSON TELLS THE INSIDE STORY OF HIS RECORD £1.75 MILLION TRANSFER . . .

**I**T was around a year ago when I went into Ron Atkinson's office at The Hawthorns and asked for a transfer. The boss refused.

I say this because his departure from West Brom did not influence me in the slightest. I wanted to get away even before the manager joined Manchester United; had he stayed I would still have persisted with my transfer request.

A few weeks ago I honestly thought I'd be spending the next three years at The Hawthorns . . . becoming like Alistair Robertson and Tony Brown, one-club men.

I'd given up hope of Albion granting my request. Looking back, my biggest mistake was signing such a long contract in the first place.

My problem was that my first contract was for four years and each year West Brom kept making me offers I couldn't refuse.

People will say I moved for the money. I can't stop them saying

season with United with a Championship medal. I like the way United play. There are a lot of top-class players in the team, players who can pass the ball accurately and help you out when you're in trouble.

How can I justify my record fee? By helping United win a trophy. I can't score 25 or 30 goals as a striker could. Ron Atkinson told me to play exactly the same way as I did under him for three years at Albion.

If Gordon McQueen thinks my arrival has got the others buzzing . . . fine. Certainly the way Ray Wilkins and Sammy McIlroy reacted to my arrival was incredible. They stood up to the challenge positively and have been playing out of their skins.

I'm aware that people will expect

# 'I HAD TO QUIT ALBION'

that, but the last contract Albion offered me was only slightly below what I'm getting at United . . . the difference is so little that it isn't worth worrying about.

No, I moved because I wanted to join a big club. After eight years with Albion I felt I was becoming a bit stale.

When I asked Ronnie Allen for a move he said he didn't want to lose his best players. I replied: "When are you going to start buying some?" No disrespect to the players who've arrived at The Hawthorns, who are good buys, but I couldn't see West Brom attracting the REALLY big names . . . I couldn't see Trevor Francis or Frank Stapleton going there.

## Bad publicity

I'm disappointed that my departure created so much bad publicity, but before my United debut at Spurs nearly all the Albion lads sent me good luck telegrams and that meant a lot to me.

My debut against Spurs in the League Cup was perhaps a little strange . . . it'll take a few weeks to get into the team pattern. I couldn't believe it when I was booked for a foul. It wasn't intentional, but the referee came over to me and said: "What's your name?" My immediate thought was that my name hasn't been out of the headlines for a month and you're asking me what it is!

I reckon I could end my first



Bryan teams up again with Remi Moses at Old Trafford (right) and gets up to clear from Spurs' Giorgio Mazzon (left) on his United debut in the League Cup.

five star performances from me in every game. I can't perform miracles and win every match single-handed. What United have is a player who won't cheat, who will give 100 per cent at all times and who will put all his energy for the good of the team.

As a kid I was a Newcastle fan, but like every other youngster I was aware of the magic of United. Only once did I come away from Old Trafford as a winner with West Brom, when we won 5-3 a few years ago.

I loved playing at Old Trafford. As an opponent I was charged by the atmosphere of the place . . . and very aware not to do anything silly in the penalty-area. The crowd may just sway a ref's mind if something suspect happens . . .

My fee doesn't bother me. I had nothing to do with it. And in no way do I consider myself an automatic choice because of the tag I now have. I've got to fight for my place like everyone else in the squad.

Many of the £1m Club have struggled after their big money moves,

but that doesn't worry me. Many of them joined clubs who weren't in the running for honours and it's hard to succeed under those circumstances.

Andy Gray's goal won the League Cup for Wolves two seasons ago, but Wolves have usually had their backs to the wall in the League.

Even after a couple of weeks or so, I'm aware that Manchester United are unique. There's always something happening at the club . . . the place seems to buzz all the time and I'm looking forward to the next six years.

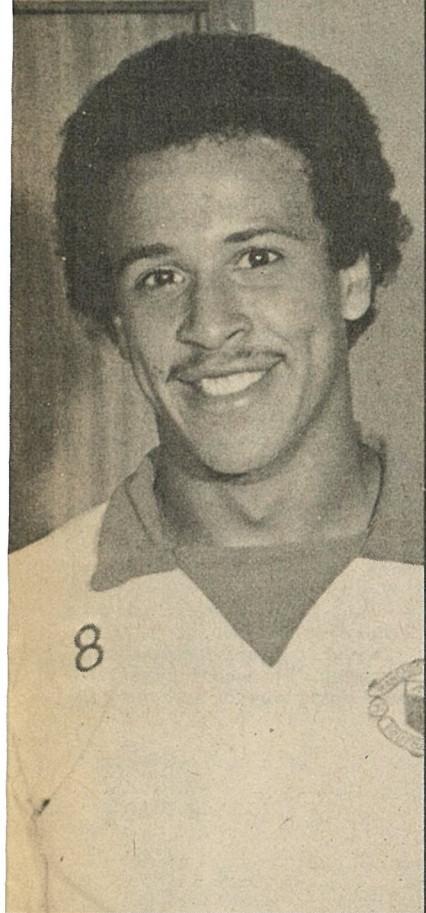
West Brom? They have too many good players to struggle for long. In fact I think they could even clinch a UEFA Cup spot again.

Right now all my attentions are on Saturday's clash with Liverpool — they don't come much harder than that!

*Bryan Robson*

AND GORDON McQUEEN TALKS ABOUT ROBSON'S RARE GIFT . . .

# 'Bryan improved United without even playing!'



BRYAN Robson made Manchester United a better team before he made his debut in the League Cup-tie at Tottenham.

It's amazing how the existing squad at a club respond to the news of a new arrival.

Players recover faster from injury and those already in the team perform wonders.

The fight for places is incredibly fierce as players try to ensure it won't be them the boss replaces.

The day Bryan Robson signed for United on the Old Trafford pitch we thrashed Wolves 5-0 and Sammy McIlroy, the player who felt his position most threatened was out of this world.

Even without his memorable hat-trick Sammy was brilliant. It was as if he was flashing a mental message to Ron Atkinson . . . "now drop me if you dare."

As you may know I didn't play. I sat alongside Bryan in the stand, the victim of a hamstring injury suffered against Leeds.

Just when I felt I was playing well and the team not conceding many goals that had to happen. It was soul destroying.

At the moment the leg is still sore and I doubt if I'll be back just yet.

No injury problems for Bryan. Even though the £1.75 million fee was ridiculous, United have bought a player with a rare gift. He's not quite world class yet, but Bryan is certainly one of the game's most versatile players.

He can play in the back-four,

defensive midfield or attacking midfield and score goals.

Bryan has the ability to take a game by the scruff of the neck and control things. He's also a fierce competitor, a ball-winner which is vital for a midfielder.

I can appreciate Bryan's determination to leave WBA, even though he had been happy there because I experienced a similar situation at Leeds.

Like Bryan I became Britain's costliest player when transferred to United for £500,000 in February 1978. Yes, I even thought that price was too high.

I wanted to get away from Leeds because I had lost faith in the management's ability to achieve real success. You can't blame a player for being ambitious and wanting more security for himself and family.

Also the chance of a transfer to Manchester United doesn't happen all that often. Few players would turn down that opportunity. The news United are interested is enough to unsettle any player.

## Persuade

Albion obviously didn't want to lose Bryan. Leeds tried their best to persuade me to stay.

The Press don't help in these situations, often helping to turn transfers into sagas which leaves a bad taste.

Ron Atkinson came in for a lot of stick, especially after signing his other former Albion star Remi Moses. "He's bled West Brom dry," said one reporter to me.

Naturally I do feel sympathy for Ronnie Allen. He's lost two great players to the man he succeeded at The Hawthorns. Certainly Ron Atkinson won't be welcome there again.

But at least the WBA manager has the money to spend on strengthening other positions. He's already signed midfielder Andy King, from QPR and he's a smashing player.

Let's hope the cash received for Robson and Moses will make West Bromwich Albion a better team.

Perhaps all transfers should be conducted in the close-season unless both parties are in full agreement.

When a player is transferred to a new club he tries to impress and justify the fee paid.

Some alienate other players by



being flashy and big-headed. Not Bryan. He's a nice, quiet, level-headed young man with the confidence to succeed.

Some players try too hard to prove themselves to team-mates and fans. Really all you have to do is give 100 per cent effort in everything.

That's really all the fans expect, too. Look at Garry Birtles. Despite his struggle to regain his goal-scoring form after his move from Forest the Old Trafford crowd took him to their hearts.

They could see Garry was doing his best . . . not hiding.

No chance any of the lads 'hiding' this Saturday (October 24th) when United visit Anfield.

I scored the goal that won the game last season, so I'm doubly disappointed at having to miss this clash.

Liverpool are not quite so invincible as they have been in the past but make no mistake they're still a fantastic side.

If United can repeat last season's result then we will prove to everyone that we're on the way back to the top.

No game for me this weekend so I'm off to Milan to watch my mate Joe Jordan in action in the big derby against Inter. Looking forward to that. See you all next time . . .

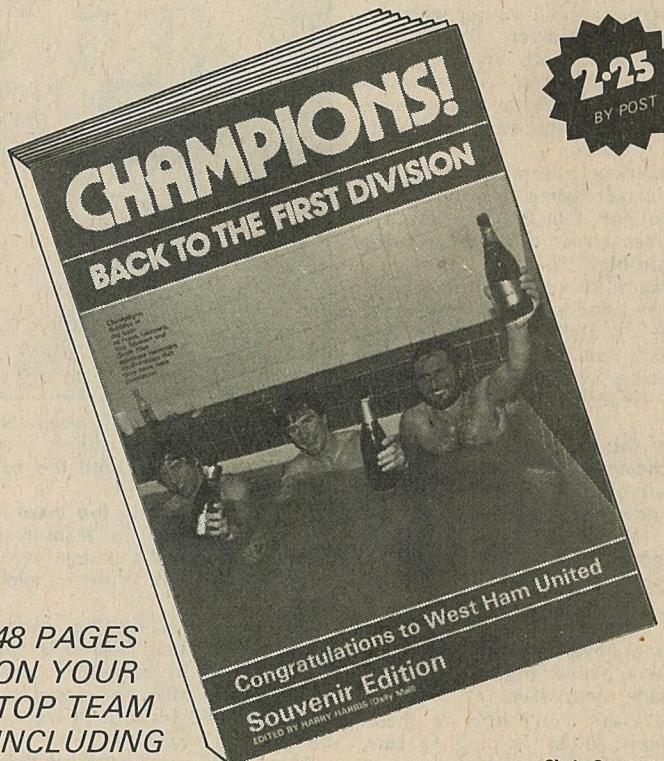
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# SCOTLAND'S SHADOW SQUAD

LITTLE Ian Wallace completely outshone his fellow member of the exclusive £1 million club, Justin Fashanu, when he thundered in a hat-trick against Birmingham at St Andrews although Brian Clough's Nottingham Forest slid to a 4-3 defeat . . .

On the same afternoon Leeds United's Arthur Graham was thrashing three past Wolves.

In Scotland on that same day — the second League Saturday of the season — Celtic's £275,000 front man Frank McGarvey was teasing Aberdeen's formidable duo of Willie Miller and Alex McLeish while scoring twice in a 3-1 triumph at Pittodrie.

Ian Wallace . . . Arthur Graham . . . Frank McGarvey . . . three adventurous, courageous attackers who came off the fields that day to well-deserved applause.

But, superb as they were, they knew there would be no place for them in Jock Stein's immediate World Cup plans for Scotland. They weren't even considered for the pool he had just chosen.

## Well off

The number of fine performers who can only be termed 'fringe' players shows how well off Scotland and Stein are just now as they prepare to play in their third successive World Cup Finals in Spain during the summer.

When Scotland beat Sweden at Hampden recently to edge closer to atoning for that resounding flop in Argentina in 1978, they did so without the injured double-act of Steve Archibald, the Spurs raider who was the English First Division's top scorer last season, and Liverpool's Graeme Souness, a player who would surely walk into the engine room of almost every other top class country.

Stein could also afford to leave Aberdeen's Willie Miller on the substitute's bench even after the Pittodrie captain's marvellous display in the 1-0 victory over England at Wembley only a few months beforehand.

"I played Alan Hansen because I thought he would be better suited to the match against the Swedes," says Stein. "It was always going to be a game where we would be

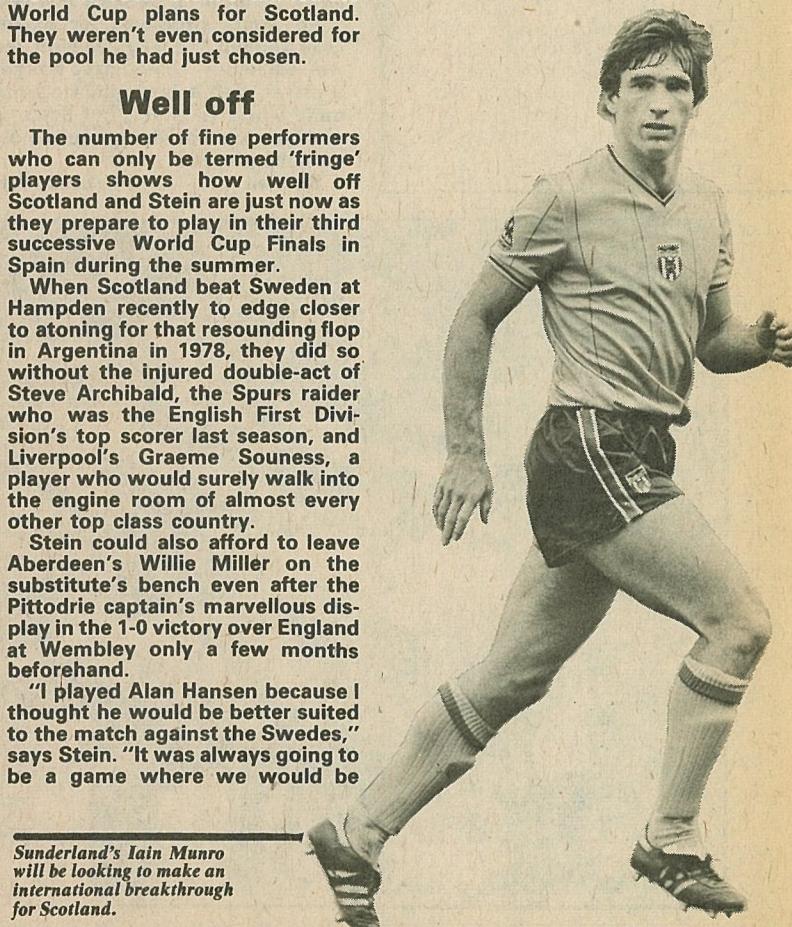
carrying the ball to them. Alan Hansen is so good at this.

"Willie Miller is not forgotten, though. Everyone in the squad has his part to play."

A player who also performed admirably against the English at Wembley was Dundee United's David Narey, who came on during the first-half against Ron Greenwood's men after Asa Hartford had gone off with a dislocated elbow.

Yet against Sweden, Narey was the only player in the squad who didn't even get stripped for action.

"David took my decision well," says Stein. "He accepted that what I was doing was for that particular



Sunderland's Iain Munro will be looking to make an international breakthrough for Scotland.

game. I was impressed by his professionalism and his attitude.

"It's always important to see how players react in circumstances like that. Obviously the lad was eager to play and that's the spirit I want from everyone."

Former Scottish Player of the Year Gordon Strachan, Pittodrie's Prince of the precision pass, also sat it out against Sweden as Stein changed the pattern slightly to bring in Celtic's Davie Provan.

Again the move emphasised the quite astonishing depth to Stein's current resources. Provan was outstanding against Sweden and the Scots boss adds: "He knew he didn't do himself justice against England."

"He achieved what he set out to do against Sweden and the experience will have done him no harm at all. He was the form player... that's why Gordon Strachan was left out."

Two other players who did a lot to bring a smile to the face of Jock Stein in last season's wrecked British Championship were West Ham's Ray Stewart and Celtic's Tommy Burns.

Yet Stewart couldn't find a place in the top team while Burns wasn't even selected for the 18 player pool!

### Menace

Paul Sturrock, Dundee United's darting menace of a front man, played for the Under-21 side against the Swedes at Easter Road and scored a goal in the 4-0 victory and must have wondered why he wasn't in the top squad.

Ipswich's Alan Brazil also had to be content with a place alongside Sturrock in the Under-21 team and, again, his display was impressive.

Aston Villa's £300,000 capture from Coventry Andy Blair also played with flair and imagination at Easter Road that evening in a one-sided 90 minutes while Jock Stein could take the opportunity of pulling off the incredibly talented Charlie Nicholas of Celtic, and replacing him in the second-half

with his Old Firm rival John MacDonald.

Stein smiled again as MacDonald scored the goal of the night with an uncanny overhead kick.

But will MacDonald be included in Stein's thoughts at full international level in the near future? The odds are against it simply because there are so many form players banging on the door.

It's quite possible that Joe Jordan wouldn't have started the game against Sweden had Archibald been fit, but look at what happened when he was given the No. 9 shirt. He scored a glorious diving headed goal and was a constant threat.

Andy Gray — another of the £1 million band — watched the action from the substitutes' bench until Kenny Dalglish went off injured in the second-half.

Allan Evans, Ken McNaught and Des Bremner were the backbone behind Aston Villa's League Championship triumph, but so far



West Ham's Ray Stewart has made a good impression on his rare appearances for the full team.

**Big Joe Jordan powers in a header to give the Scots the lead in their World Cup qualifier against the Swedes at Hampden Park.**



none of that formidable trio has been able to break into the Scottish top team.

Gordon McQueen, once considered a regular at country level, is no longer an automatic choice although, to be fair, the Manchester United pivot has been severely hindered by injury.

Martin Buchan, one of the English First Division's most experienced and thorough defenders, must realise his international days are now in the past.

New Brighton manager Mike Bailey has been raving about the midfield exploits of former Morton and Spurs dynamo Neil McNab, but the international call hasn't come his way, either.

Suddenly Scotland, after all their problems in South America when Ally MacLeod was in charge, have a posse of players determined to prove their capabilities at the highest level.

St Mirren's Billy Thomson wants to take that No. 1 jersey from Alan Rough while Rangers captain Ally Dawson is eager to wear the No. 3

shirt, occupied at the moment by Leeds United's Frankie Gray.

And Sunderland's Iain Munro doesn't want to become a forgotten man on the international circuit after making the initial breakthrough three seasons ago.

Ally McCoist, Sunderland's recent £400,000 buy from St Johnstone, is another Scot at Roker Park keeping his fingers crossed that international stardom isn't far away.

### Designs

These, then, are just some of the Scots on the fringe of so many big things. Kenny Burns, Davie Cooper, Eamonn Bannon, Roy Aitken, Murdo MacLeod, Billy Stark, Gary Gillespie and Ian Redford are others with designs on making Jock Stein reach for a pencil to mark down their names.

Jock Stein became the manager of Scotland just over three years ago, saying: "Judge me on my World Cup results."

He hasn't done all that badly... and now everyone wants to jump on the World Cup bandwagon. Keep your eyes open for some sparkling displays from Scottish players on both sides of the border in the coming months!



David Narey breaks up an England attack at Wembley, but has been unable to command a regular place in Jock Stein's team.

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WHICH is your most memorable goal? It time and again, and one which Jimmy Greaves must have heard more than nearly any other player. Greaves, seen right scoring one of his 44 goals for England in 57 internationals, has in turn put that question to more than 200 of the great goalscorers and compiled a fascinating series of their replies in his new book 'GOALS!' Published by Harrap Ltd., at £4.95, it makes fascinating reading. We feature six of the many replies to be found in the 162-page book.

## Cyrille Regis

Man. City v WBA at Maine Road. 1977-78. First Division

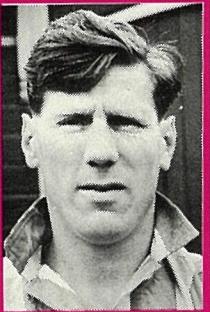
I INTERCEPTED a crossfield pass from Gary Owen that was meant for Peter Barnes, who were both City players at the time. From ten yards inside our half I set off on a run in which I went past four City defenders before sidefooting the ball wide of advancing goalkeeper Joe Corrigan from the edge of the box.



## Len Shackleton

England v West Germany at Wembley. 1954. International match.

IT was a simple chip shot that brought me my goal, but it was special to me because it was calculated. I noted that the German goalkeeper had been coming off his line very quickly at every opportunity and had angled me well on one occasion. I made a mental note that if I got a similar chance I would simply lob him. That's exactly what I did and it gave me great satisfaction to see that German goalkeeper looking back helplessly as the ball dropped over his head and into the net. Mind you, every goal that went in for me was memorable. There's no such thing as a bad goal if you've managed to put the ball over the line.



## Kevin Keegan

England v Italy at Wembley. 1977. World Cup Qualifying match.

TREVOR BROOKING fired a beautifully flighted cross deep into the Italian penalty-area. I raced towards the near post to meet it with my head and sent the ball wide of goalkeeper Dino Zoff inside the far post. I was able to return the compliment later in the game when my through ball let Trevor in for his first England goal.



## George Best

Man. Utd. v Spurs at Old Trafford. 1970-71. First Division.

THAT great goalkeeper Pat Jennings came out to make a punched clearance from a high centre. The ball fell to me on the left-hand side of the penalty box. There were so many players between me and the goal that I decided to lob it over Pat's head before he could regain his composure. There was a Spurs defender covering behind Pat on the goal-line, but I managed to squeeze the ball into the net with about an inch and a quarter to spare!



## Brian Clough

Wolves v Middlesbrough at Molineux. 1952. Intermediate match.

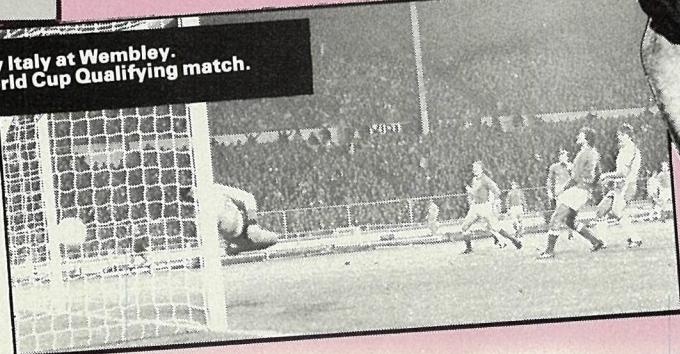


I INTERCEPTED a crossfield pass in my own half and ran the rest of the length of the field until I found myself on the edge of the Wolves penalty-area in an inside-left position. I then struck a left-foot shot which hit the side of the net inside the far post. This is the goal that has stuck in my memory and gives me most satisfaction all these years later. I was only a youngster and the goal gave me an enormous feeling of having achieved something special.

## Archie Gemmill

Scotland v Holland in Mendoza. 1978 World Cup Finals.

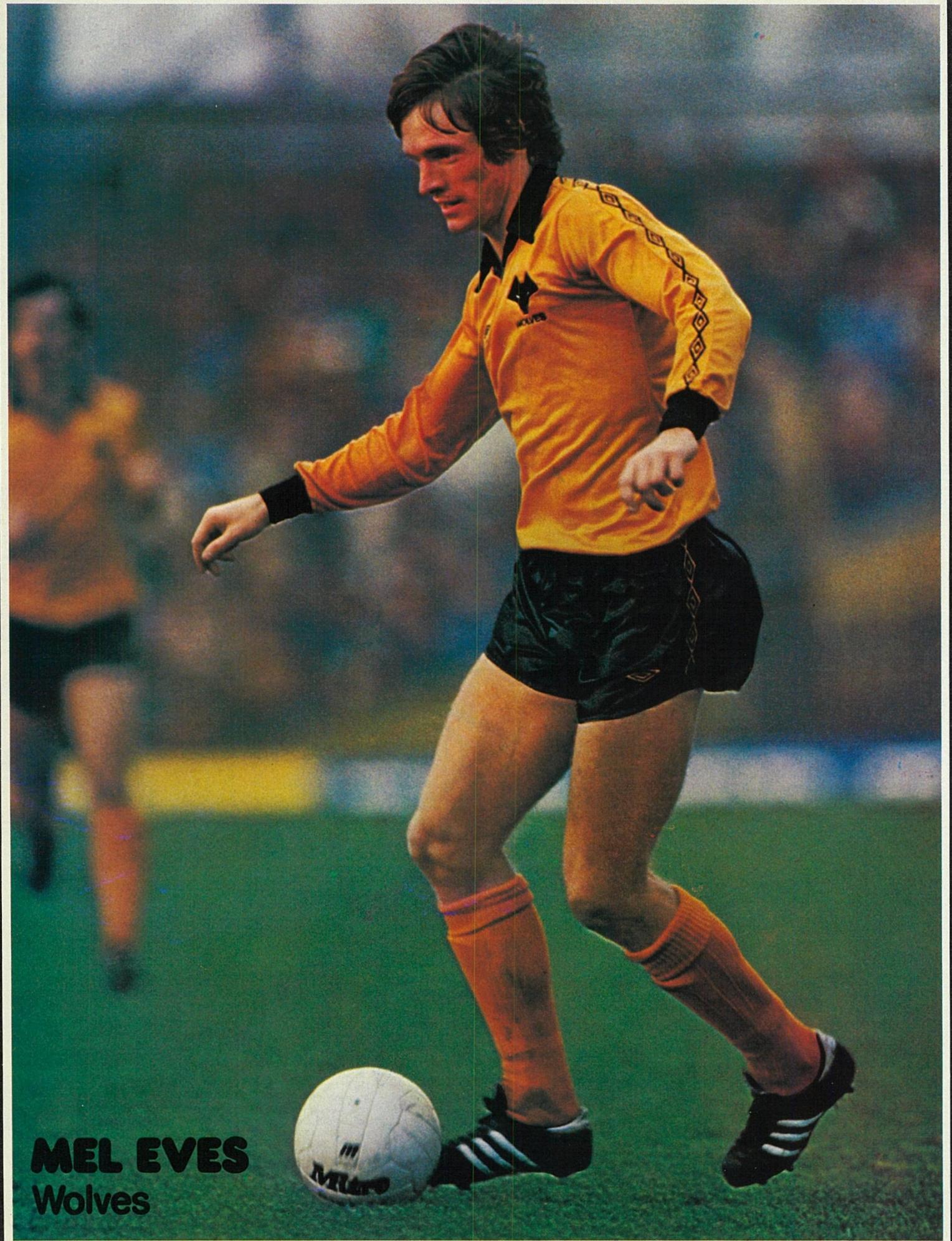
I CUT in from the right, dribbled into the penalty-area past three Dutch defenders and then switched the ball to the left before clipping it over Jongbloed in Holland's goal. I also scored a penalty in Scotland's 3-2 victory.



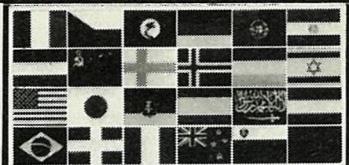


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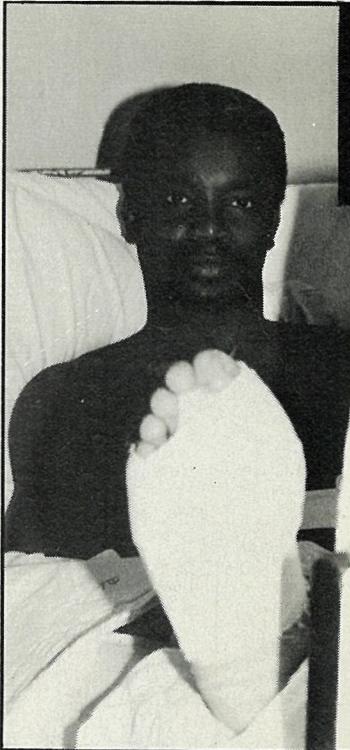


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# Cunningham's two lost seasons



**A**S Laurie Cunningham begins on the long road back to fitness after his ligament operation, he's got plenty of time to reflect on the cruel twist of fate that's come within an ace of ruining his career.

For the five-month recuperation programme sketched out by the Real Madrid doctors means that Laurie, even if he walks straight back into the first team without any run-outs in practice games, can expect to play no more than eight League matches this term.

What's more, if he does reappear at the end of February as the doctors hope, it'll be his first League appearance for no less than 15 months — even though he reappeared in last season's European Cup Final.

So the grim reality for Laurie is that two seasons have been snatched out of his career, and his name has rapidly disappeared from the international headlines.

Even worse, Laurie had his heart

set on representing England in next year's World Cup Finals right on his back doorstep and, of course, this is another dream that's virtually been well and truly dashed.

On the club scene, Laurie is fortunate that Real are not the sort of club to kick a man while he's down, but there are obviously serious doubts about his future after two fruitless years when the club has paid salaries and medical bills approaching £300,000 in return for a handful of first team appearances.

Let's hope that Laurie can bounce back after these cruel twists of fate and prove once again that he's got all the talent, skill and flair that seems to be sadly lacking these days.

## Surprise in Africa

THE leagues are just getting under way in North Africa, and the most dismal start was in Tunisia, where eight of the 14 clubs failed to score on the opening day, and five of the seven matches ended with the scoreboard at 1-0.

So Esperance shot to the top of the table after 'crushing' EM Mahdia 2-0!

By the way, the eight teams through to the Finals of the African Nations Cup are now decided, namely Libya (hosts), Nigeria (defending Champions), Algeria, Cameroon, Egypt, Ghana, Zambia and Ethiopia.

The last two are the surprise qualifiers, with Zambia beating Morocco, and the Ethiopians eliminating Guinea.

## RENSENBRINK ROCKET

DUTCH star Robby Rensenbrink hasn't been hitting too many headlines since his move to French Second Division side Toulouse, but he gained a few with his description of Toulouse manager Pierre Cahuzac.

"There's a total lack of tactical sense and precise instructions about our roles on the field. What's more he shows a lamentable lack of knowledge about sporting medicine."

Fortunately Rensenbrink is playing so well that there's no danger of him being dropped!

## Relegated because of small print

THERE'S a strange situation in Argentina, where relegated San Lorenzo are hoping to slither back into the First Division at the expense of Argentinos Juniors thanks to some 'small print' irregularities surrounding the appearance of Uruguayan goalkeeper Mario Alles in the vital game between the two clubs.

Alles saved a penalty; Argentinos won 1-0; and that meant the big drop for San Lorenzo.

Apparently Alles had F.A. clearance to play in Argentina, but the small print in the regulations insists that he should also have had an identity card issued in

Argentina — which he hadn't. The ironical thing is that one of the San Lorenzo team, Godoy, was in exactly the same situation.

So the San Lorenzo lawyers played dirty and waited till ten minutes before the legal deadline to file their complaint — giving Argentinos no time to file a counter-complaint.

It's now in the hands of the F.A.'s legal experts, but re-instating San Lorenzo in the First Division on such a tiny technicality would spark off a further round of court cases, with Argentinos determined to see the subject right through to the bitter end.

MEXICO'S national team manager Raul Cardenias has announced his squad of 22 players for the CONCACAF World Cup play-offs in Honduras — and there are only five survivors from the team that fared so poorly in Argentina in 1978.

Tena, Lopez, Zarza, Mendizabal, Cuellar (left) and Hugo Sanchez are the only familiar names on the list, and even skipper Vazquez Ayala (right) has been given the chop for 'stirring up trouble.'



## News flashes

- The Uruguayans are still counting the cost of their World Cup elimination by Peru. The F.A. reckons that the cost of maintaining the squad during the eliminators, and the lost contracts will result in a net loss of £1,250,000.

- Barcelona's auditors have confirmed that the Catalan club made a profit of £1,100,000 last season. It's also interesting to note that Barcelona's payments to members of the squad (signing-on fees, salaries and bonuses) totalled £2,140,000.

- Kostas Karapatis, manager-coach of Greek First Division club Atromitos (Athens) told the Press after his team were knocked out of the F.A. Cup by Kastoria last season, that he thought the opposition had used stimulants. The Kastoria board took him to court for defamation of character, but he got off with a ten month suspended sentence . . . for lack of evidence.

- 1.FC Nurnberg have sacked manager-coach Heinz Elzner. Newly promoted to the Bundesliga they looked likely to drop down again at the first attempt. He was the 100th Bundesliga boss to be sacked since its inception in 1963.

- Antonio Carbajal, the Mexico goalkeeper in five World Cups between 1950 and 1966 inclusive, has just become a father for the ninth time! He is now 52-year-old and owns a tobacconists in Guadalajara.

## Brazilian bosses rule O.K.?





## COLOGNE JOINT TOP

TWO FORMER West Germany stars were back in their country recently to catch up with the Bundesliga action — the bearded Gerd Muller and Bernd Holzenbein, now with Fort Lauderdale, saw Borussia Mönchengladbach beat Eintracht Frankfurt 1-0.

Tony Woodcock's Cologne were joint-top after nine matches, just

behind Champions Bayern on goal-difference.

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RIVER PLATE have been making some significant moves in the Argentine transfer market, even though they're still struggling to pay Valencia for the transfer of Mario Kempes.

They've now signed Argentina's star midfielder Américo Gallego (plus Newell's Old Boys team-mate Bulleri) for £400,000. And full-back Jorge García from Rosario Central for £75,000.

River are thus able to field a team containing eight full internationals, even though they've sold World Cup winger Oscar Ortiz to Huracan for £120,000 and René Houseman (unconvinced by Australian soccer) has been persuaded to return to team up with Ortiz.

The sad thing for River is that when the Argentine squad get together in February they'll be without six players.

TWO Brazilian coaches have already booked their tickets for Spain: Tele Santana, the national manager of Brazil, and Tim, who's in charge of Peru. Three more could eventually make it — Otto Gloria (left) is the coach of Nigeria, while Saudi Arabia and Kuwait also have Brazilian bosses.

Incidentally, Brazil's record under Santana makes impressive reading — P24 W19 D3 L2 F61 A16 — Zico is the top scorer with 15 goals in this period.

**A SCANDAL** broke in Brazil when the trainer of Colorado, in the state of Paraná, saved a goal against his team by sprinting on to the pitch and kicking away a ball that had already gone past the goalkeeper.

The trainer fled the ground and his team won 1-0. The other team, Toledo, have gone to the Courts of Law, because the result threatens them with relegation from the First Division of the Paraná League.

## Barcelona conned

NICE ONE Francisco! Barcelona's home-grown goalkeeper Francisco Llangostera was dismayed when the Catalan club signed international goalkeeper Urruticóetxea in the summer — leaving him fourth on the list behind three international goalkeepers!

He quietly asked Barcelona for a free transfer, and his request was granted.

Immediately he revealed that he'd been negotiating a lucrative £120,000 a year contract with Mexican club Puebla, and hopped on a plane for the land of tequila and tortillas.

Barcelona president Josep Lluís Núñez was livid when he heard the news. "If I'd thought anyone was interested in him, I'd have asked for £125,000 . . ."

## Peru mean business

PERU are making a determined effort to mount a serious preparation programme before the World Cup Finals, and the government is reported to be prepared to pay hard cash if 'foreign legionaries' Barbadillo, Cubillas, Velásquez and Obilitas can be brought back from Mexico, USA, Colombia and Belgium respectively.

In the meantime, Peru's new superstar is Sporting Cristal's Julio César Uribe (below), who was a sensation in Peru's qualifying matches.

So much so that Brazilian club Flamengo have already offered

£400,000 for him. His club rate him at £725,000, and it's unlikely he'll be allowed to leave the country until after next year's World Cup.

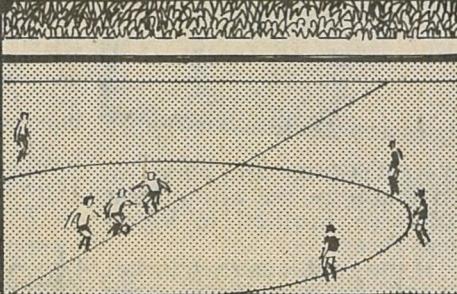


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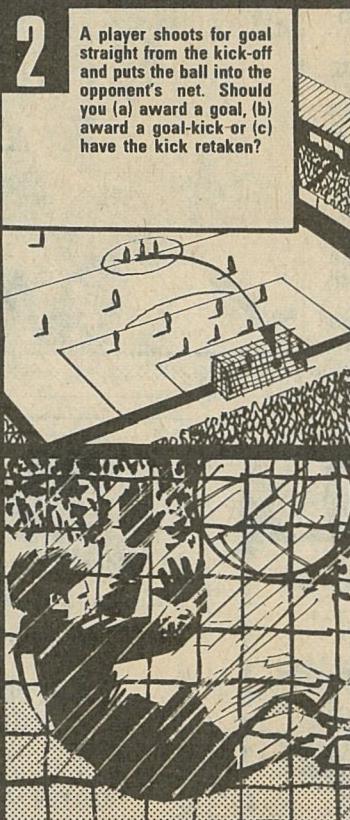
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A Cup-tie goes into extra-time. Should the kick-off be awarded to (a) the home team, (b) the team which kicked off at the start of the game or (c) the winner of another toss up?



2

A player shoots for goal straight from the kick-off and puts the ball into the opponent's net. Should you (a) award a goal, (b) award a goal-kick or (c) have the kick retaken?



3

During heavy rain, a defender's pass sticks in a pool of water. An opponent runs in and scores. Should you (a) award a goal, (b) award a free-kick to the defending side or (c) drop the ball?



## MATCH POINT

The recent proposals to regionalise the Football League and allow more non-League clubs into the fold to make up the numbers should certainly encourage Scarborough. I refereed a game there recently and was most impressed with their set-up. They have a tremendous pitch and stands, and facilities equal to many League clubs. Not only would they be welcomed in by myself, but by many other referees, because we all like to see as many new faces as possible. I wish them every success with their bid to join the League.

P.S. I'd like to apologise for an error in the October 10 issue. The answer to Question 1 should be an indirect free-kick, although you should allow play to continue if neither player was guilty of dangerous play.

## ANSWERS

1. C. Toss up again. I have noticed that kick-offs rather than the more common drop-kicks ask for the ball to be kicked over the head of the referee. This is a big problem at the start of a game, when it rains or there is a strong wind. It can give a team a slight advantage.
2. R. Award a goal-kick. When it rains on a hard ground, the ball tends to stay on the surface. This was a frequent occurrence during the Blackburn game.
3. A. Give a team a slight advantage, or there is a strong wind it can give a team a slight advantage.



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**O**N THE night we slipped out of the European Cup-Winners' Cup at the first hurdle against Dukla Prague on a 4-2 aggregate, there was still something to celebrate for the Scottish fans.

I'm talking about Aberdeen's tremendous performance against Ipswich Town, the holders, in the UEFA Cup, of course.

The Dons won 3-1 at Pittodrie — and 4-2 on aggregate — and the outcome of that mini 'Scotland v England' confrontation is a real boost for soccer North of the border.



Johan Neeskens (light strip) in action for Dutch club Ajax when they were the most feared club side in Europe during the 1970's.

# 'RANGERS the Ajax of Scotland'

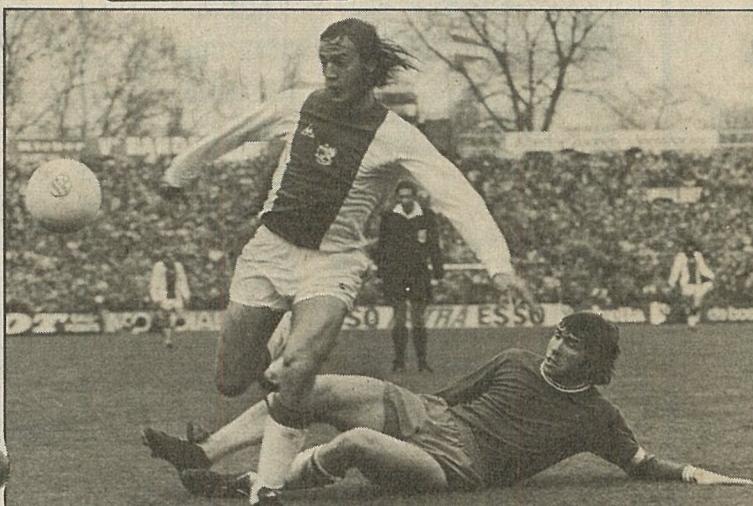
Too often our football is unfavourably compared with our English neighbours' and that is why it was so gratifying that Aberdeen performed so well against the Portman Road side.

Ipswich, in fact, are one of my favourite teams. They played at Ibrox at the start of the season and beat us 2-1 and, honestly, no one was complaining about the result. They are a wonderful outfit with so many gifted individuals in the shape of Dutchmen Thijssen and Muhren as well as my Scottish international team-mates John Wark and Alan Brazil.

After playing against them I would have no hesitation in tipping them to win the English First Division title, and that is another reason to applaud Aberdeen's mighty effort.

So, although Rangers are out of the Cup-Winners' Cup and our old

**TARTAN  
TALK**  
**ALLY DAWSON**



rivals Celtic couldn't overwhelm Juventus in the Champions' trophy, it's good luck to Aberdeen and Dundee United, who carry Scotland's hopes in Europe this season via the UEFA Cup.

It's about time Scotland made an impact again on the European battlefield. It's vital to a small country such as ours to be seen to be doing well in this arena.

## Outfit

I'm just sad that Rangers will not be able to play our part this season. Dukla are a good outfit, but really, we should have beaten them.

If we were to play them again within the next couple of weeks, home and away, I'm absolutely convinced we would emerge as victors. But that's football, isn't it?

It's all ifs and buts sometimes. We made mistakes in the first-leg in Czechoslovakia and we were severely punished for them. We lost 3-0, but no one at Ibrox was admitting defeat until the final whistle blew in the return game in Glasgow.

Over 30,000 fans turned up for the return last month and it was a marvellous turn-out considering the first-leg result and the weather conditions.

We hit Dukla with everything in

that opening half hour, but we were getting nowhere. The ball was hardly out of their penalty-area and, as things so often happen in Europe, Dukla broke away and made it 4-0 on aggregate with their first shot at goal!

Even then we didn't admit defeat. We scored twice within a minute before the interval, but we couldn't add to it in the second-half although we dictated play yet again. Well, that's another European lesson learned!

European football is vital to a club like Rangers. We've got the best ground in Britain and we want to provide the best football in the country, too.

The international side has done well in the World Cup in recent years — despite that shambles in Argentina — and they have given Scotland a boost, but it's time the clubs got in on the act and that is why I have got my fingers crossed that Aberdeen can get past Rumanian side Arges Pitesti and Dundee United can overcome the tough challenge from crack West German side Borussia Monchengladbach in the Second Round of the UEFA Cup.

## Similar

It would be nice to think that Rangers can be to Scotland what Ajax were to Holland in the 70's. They really gave their game the kiss of life and it would be great to see Rangers doing something similar in the 80's for Scotland.

Rangers will go into Europe next season — and we WILL be there, believe me — better equipped and more experienced after our recent ventures. Europe is the place to grow up . . . it really separates the men from the boys.

First of all, though, we must get our game sorted out on the domestic front and that means winning the Premier Division Championship. We've had a couple of setbacks, but I'm not changing the forecast I made at the start of the season . . . I still believe we are capable of taking the title.

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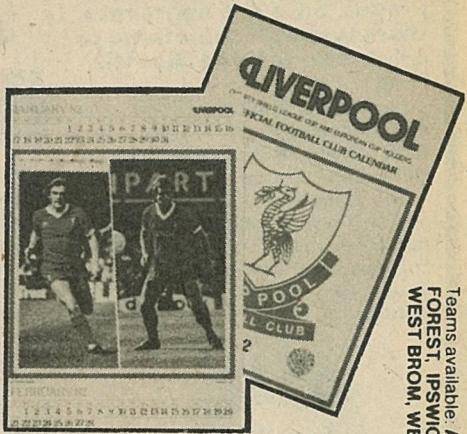
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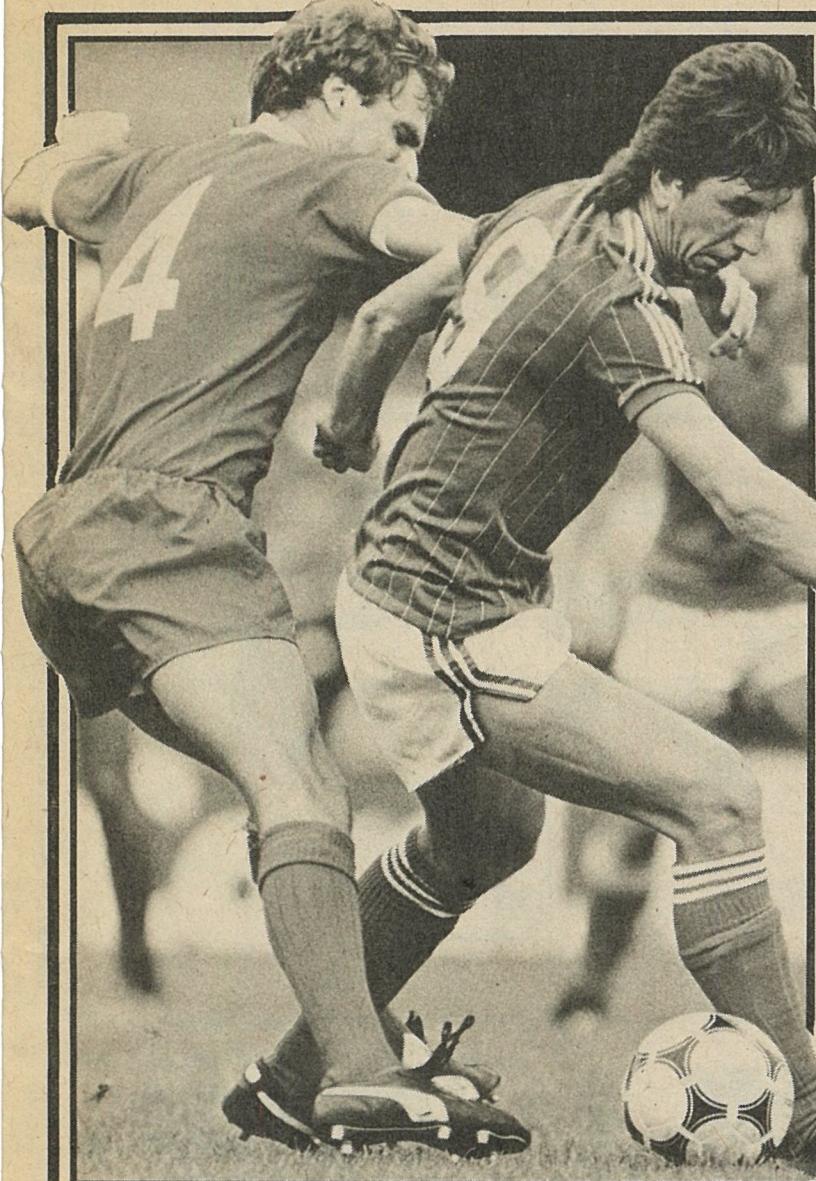
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I'll also keep a watchful eye that we stick to the tactics that have been thrashed out between us players and the coaches in team talks.

Off the field, I'm the one called in by our manager, Bob Paisley, to organise requests from worthy causes, such as presentations, autographed prizes and tape recordings. It's a case of "Phil'll fix it!"

"If you weren't with Liverpool, which other club would you like to play for?" asks Peter Sarson of Oldham.

Before I answer, Peter, I'd like to stress that I'm perfectly happy at Liverpool and I'm not looking for a transfer. If it was up to me, I'd end my days at Anfield.

But a club I could enjoy playing for is one which resembles Liverpool in many ways. There's the same community spirit, the playing style is similar, and I'm big mates with many of their players through playing with them for England. No prizes for guessing it's Ipswich Town.

I also admire the



## PHIL THOMPSON

My soccer world

manager, Bobby Robson, a man I consider to have all the right qualities. A real players' manager. A man who understands our problems, when we need encouragement and when our backsides need kicking.

"What was your first honour in football?" This one comes from John Rayson of Stockport.

**W**HAT'S involved in being captain of Liverpool? Is it just a question of leading the team out on to the pitch, shaking hands with the referee and opposing captain and calling 'heads' or 'tails'?" That's the leading question from Martin Taylor of Mold, North Wales, another letter I'll answer this week.

A lot of fans hold that impression, Martin, but it's far from the truth. I play important roles as captain, something I dreamed of becoming as a schoolboy fan on the Kop, both on and off the field.

It's up to me to make sure everyone is kept geed-up during a game, even though I may be struggling personally. And when a player is lying injured or off getting treatment it's my responsibility to switch someone into his position, particularly if the out of action player is a defender.

For instance, in a recent game Phil Neal was stretched out upfield and I yelled to Sammy Lee to drop back and cover.

ABOVE: Phil tries to tackle Ipswich striker Paul Mariner.

RIGHT: Manchester United's Frank Stapleton in action against Swansea.

A World Cup winners' medal, John. No, not in 1966 when I was still playing schoolboy football, but in 1972 when I helped the England youth team win the mini version.

The venue was the magnificent Nou Camp stadium in Barcelona, Spain, and our opponents were the same as the England Seniors faced in 1966 — West Germany.

A midfield man then, I scored one goal in our 2-0 win, while Everton's Mick Buckley scored the other.

"Have you ever taken a penalty for Liverpool?" is the next question from Mary Neal of Welwyn Garden City, Herts.

No, and I never want to, Mary.

It's one thing to take them in training, and another under pressure in a game with 40,000 people watching. If you score, you don't get any credit because it's expected; and if you fail you're crucified. I leave penalties to Terry McDermott or Phil Neal.

The nearest I got to taking one was in the Charity Shield game of 1974, which ended in a draw and was decided on spot-kicks. I was next in line after Ian Callaghan, but luckily the Leeds United 'keeper, David Harvey, missed with his shot and Ian converted his, so I escaped, and we got the trophy.

"Brighton's chairman, Mike Bamber, is removing the steel fences from around the Goldstone Ground because they spoil the atmosphere for fans. Do you think other clubs, like Liverpool, should follow suit?" asks Geoff Farmer of Bromley, Kent.

## Too Risky

In theory, yes. In practice, no. Certainly for those clubs involved in European competitions. It only needs one hothead to invade the pitch during a game against Continental opposition for FIFA to take action against the club. The risk is too great, especially for a club like Liverpool which relies on the revenue from playing in Europe.

Despite the fences, there should be a big attendance this Saturday for our home date with Manchester United, whose lofty position in the table does justice to their players.

I'm not surprised United haven't resigned George Best, the former idol. A fabulous player in his day, he couldn't cope at 35 with the pace of First Division football.

Someone who can more than cope is Frank Stapleton, bought from Arsenal, whom I rate as one of the best strikers around. Frank has tremendous heading ability, is good on the ground, and a handful for any defence.

Unlike a lot of visitors, United won't concentrate on defence, and will attack in numbers given the chance.

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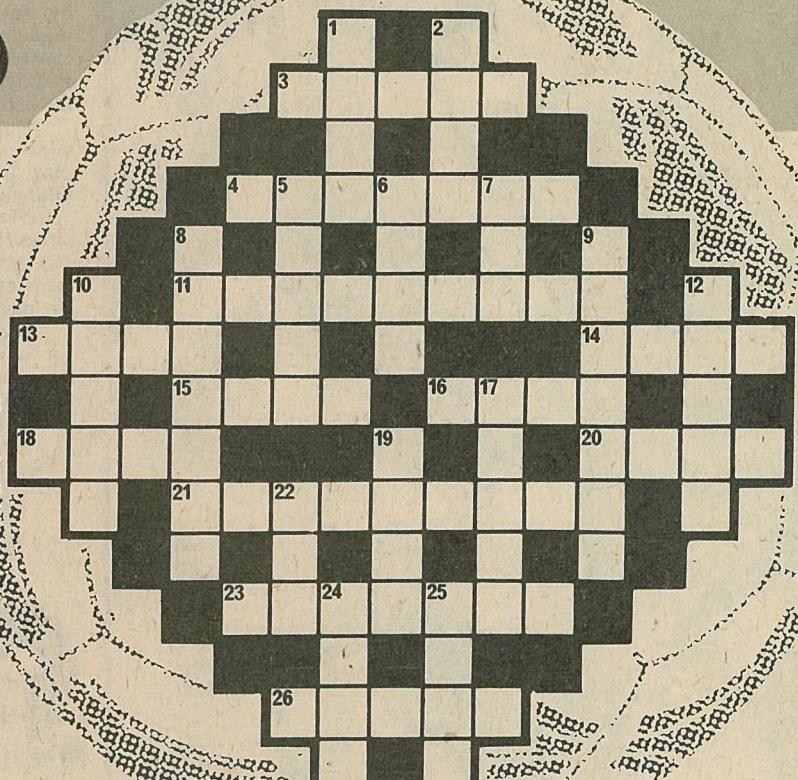
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"It goes deeper, however, than knowing where to be in the right place at the right time. It isn't just the way Frank plays: it is what he says and does by example. I've lost count of all the tips I've had from him.

"When things didn't go right for me, he would throw an arm around my shoulder and make me believe in myself. Of the 102 League goals I scored for Bolton, I've got to thank Frank one way or another for most of them.

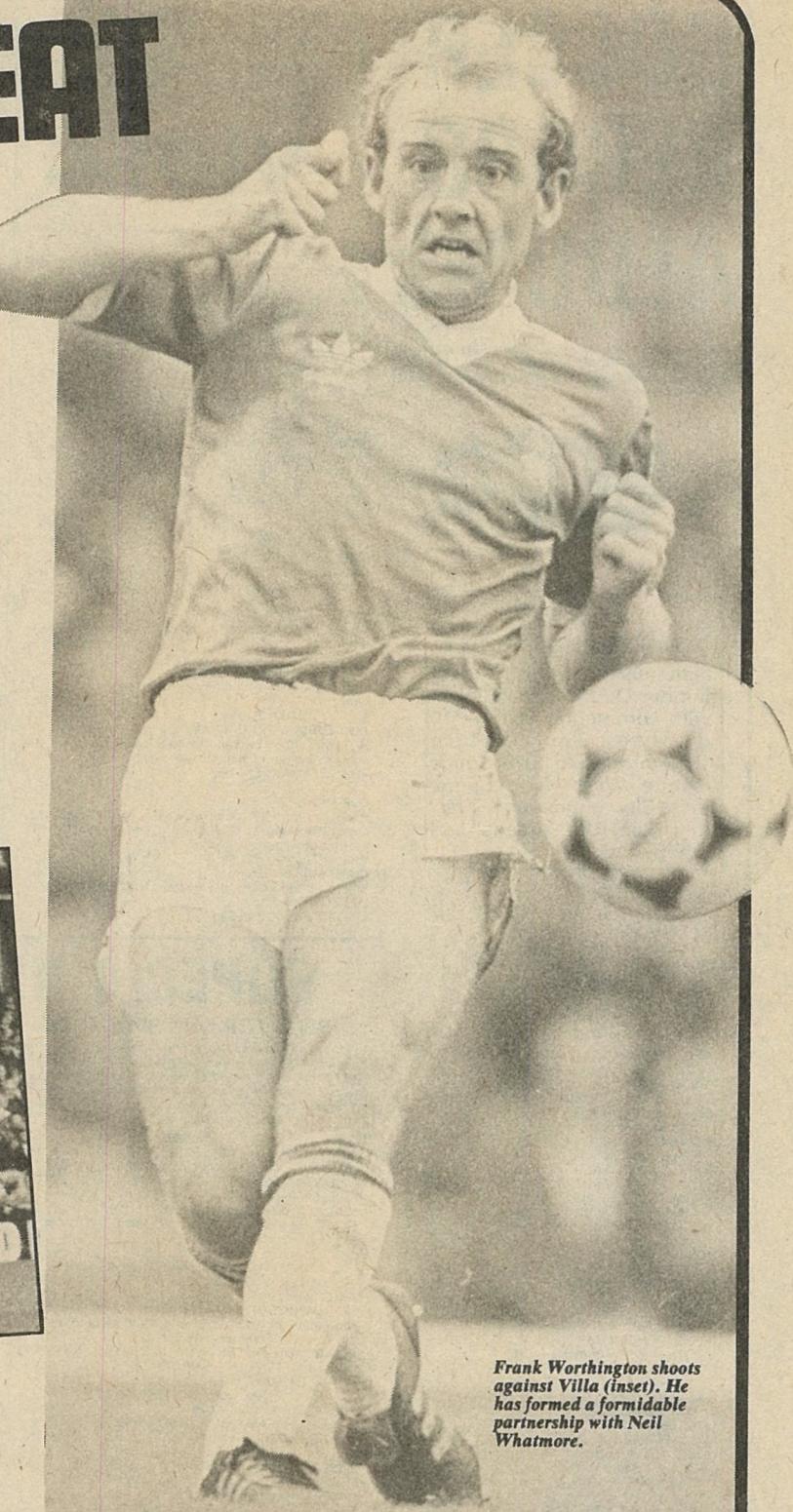
"People who don't know Frank

direction. When I talked to manager George Mulhall, he tried to keep me but agreed that in my position, he would have been thinking along the same lines.

"I was determined to leave and the First Division was the only place I was going to go. I had just those two seasons from 1978 to 1980 and, in the second when we finished bottom, I'd scored 16 goals for a relegation team.

"It simply had to be the First Division once more and the chance to prove myself all over again. I couldn't have done better for myself because I've been delighted with the approach set by manager Jim Smith.

"Everywhere we've gone this season, he has set a pattern of entertaining and attacking football. He stressed this point when I signed and pointed to players like Archie Gemmill, Alan Curbishley, Colin Todd, David Langan and



Frank Worthington shoots against Villa (inset). He has formed a formidable partnership with Neil Whatmore.

Frank himself — once he returned from the United States — as those who operated best that way.

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"All we need is time — and not much of it either. Just a while to settle in together after what has been some major chopping and changing. Joe Gallagher, Alan Ainscow and Keith Bertschin have gone: I've come along with the Dutch lads Bud Brocken and Tony van Mierlo.

"That is quite a turnaround but, once we know each other inside out, those near miss days will be over at Birmingham."

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Also col sound 200ft

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Also 200ft/300ft col sound

1968 Man. Utd. 4, Benfica 1..... 200ft/400ft

Also b/w sound 200ft

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"**THERE'S no danger of us being relegated this season. We'll finish the League between seventh and ninth.**" — Real Zaragoza's Dutch boss Leo Beenakker. Could he mean eighth . . . ?

# CLUB SPOTLIGHT

## NO EURO SPOT FOR SAFETY-FIRST EVERTON

**D**ESPITE the summer appointment of new manager Howard Kendall and the arrival of seven new players, the eagerly awaited Everton revival has once again failed to materialise.



In his search for a winning line-up, Kendall used no fewer than 19 different players in the club's first ten games, yet still seems no nearer to finding the right answers.

After a promising start to his Everton career, striker Alan Biley has failed to score at anywhere near a consistent rate, and those ten games have produced just 12 goals as Everton settle into a mid-table position.

Perhaps the biggest blow to Kendall's plans came when midfield schemer Asa Hartford moved back to his former club Manchester City after two years at Goodison Park for a £350,000 fee.

Yet although Hartford is no longer involved with rousing the slumbering giant, he still believes that things will get better for

Everton this season.

"It always takes a new player time to settle in — not just adjusting to new team-mates, but to a new area, new house and new friends as well. At Everton those problems have been multiplied six or seven times," he explained.

"Once all the new lads get to know each other a little better they'll start playing."

"Howard Kendall will eventually get them playing to a system whereby they won't give many goals away, but they won't score many, either."

Hartford admits he was surprised when Kendall was appointed manager in succession to Gordon Lee during the close season.

"I know he was the people's choice, but I didn't think anyone as young as Howard — he is only 34 — could get such a demanding job."

What has undoubtedly come as a disappointment to the Everton



Asa Hartford watches as Billy Wright blasts home against Brighton at Goodison. The Scottish international midfielder has since returned to Manchester City.

fans has been the cautious, almost negative approach adopted by the team since Kendall took over.

Kendall himself admitted that they went to Tottenham looking for a point rather than take risks and seek all three. In the end, Spurs won 3-0.

"Howard's immediate priority was to tighten up the defence, and he has already achieved that with the addition of goalkeeper Jim Arnold and centre-half Mike Walsh," Hartford continues.

"His emphasis at the moment is not on winning but on avoiding defeat."

When Kendall was appointed in May, chairman Philip Carter stressed he was looking for a man to lead Everton back to glory after ten years without a major honour.

So are Everton capable of winning anything this season?

"If luck is with them, they could win one of the Cups," Hartford says.

Alan Biley's effort against West Bromwich Albion is ruled out for an infringement. After two goals in his first two games for Everton, Biley has struggled to come up with the goals for which Everton paid Derby £300,000.

## HONOURS

**L**eague Champions: 1891, 1915, 1928, 1932, 1939, 1963, 1970. Second Division Champions: 1931. F.A. Cup winners: 1906, 1933, 1966.

"But I'm sure even Howard would admit there's no way they are going to win the League."

"I know that Everton are looking for a place in Europe, but to be honest I can't see them finishing high enough. I reckon they should end higher than last season's 15th place, and that's a start."

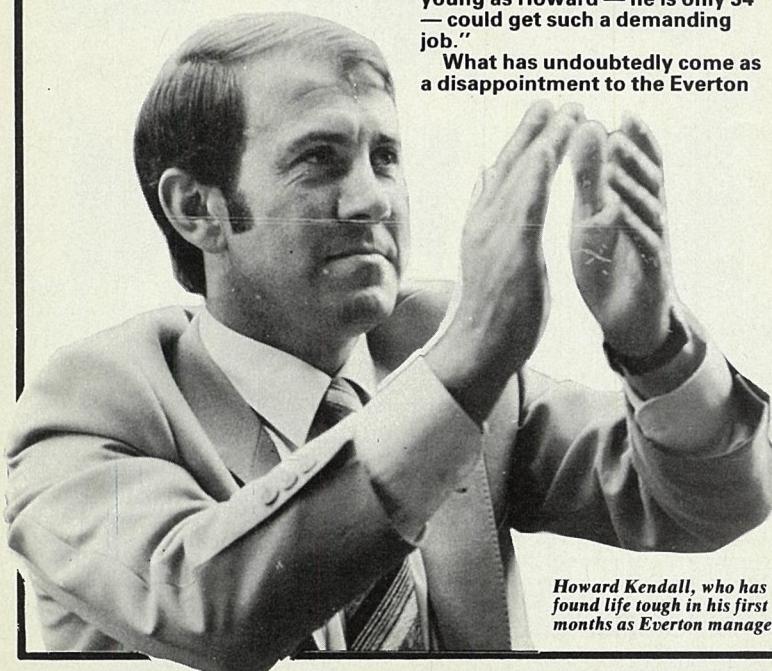
The arrival of seven new players at Goodison seemed to signal the end of the road for the majority of Gordon Lee's team.

## Consideration

But although many have left the club, others have forced their way back into consideration.

Bob Latchford, Imre Varadi, Garry Stanley, Gary Megson, Jim McDonagh and John Gidman, as well as Hartford, have been sold by Kendall.

But Peter Eastoe, Eamonn O'Keefe, Trevor Ross, John Bailey and Joe McBride have all returned to League action when it seemed



Howard Kendall, who has found life tough in his first months as Everton manager.

they also may be on their way.

The fact that they have all reappeared proves that many of Kendall's expensive imports have failed to come up to measure.

In midfield, Alan Ainscow and Mickey Thomas have struggled to provide the bite and depth they were signed for. Alan Biley has failed to find the target after an initial run of success, while Mick Ferguson has spent more time in the reserves.

Only keeper Jim Arnold has really helped to improve on last season's team.

"To be fair to Howard, I think he realised straight away that his squad wasn't good enough," Hartford concludes.

"Full credit to him. He had the courage to take a positive decision and has not been afraid to go out and make the changes necessary."

"He will stand or fall by those decisions, and I hope for everybody's sake that things will improve at Everton."

# EVER



BACK ROW (left to right): Alan Irvine, Gerry Mullan, Garry Stanley (now Swansea), Kevin Ratcliffe, Mick Ferguson, Neville Southall, Martin Hodge, Jim Arnold, Mike Walsh, Mark Higgins, Gary Stevens, Dean Kelly.

MIDDLE ROW: Mick Heaton (c), Kevin Richardson, Alan Ainscough, Lyons, Graeme Sharp, Eamonn Barton, Brian Borrows, Colin Harvey (trainer).

# ORTON



[coach], Keith Tierney,  
Paul Lodge, Mick  
Keefe, Trevor Ross,  
McGregor (physio).

FRONT ROW: Peter Eastoe, John Bailey, Billy Wright,  
Steve McMahon, Howard Kendall (player-manager),  
Joe McBride, Mickey Thomas, Asa Hartford (now  
Man. City), Alan Biley.

**P**ETER Shilton and Trevor Francis know what it's like to taste success. The pair were in Nottingham Forest's team that beat Malmö in the 1979 European Cup Final — Francis heading the winner and Shilton pulling off a couple of vital saves.

They should be on opposite sides this Saturday when Forest travel to Maine Road, but chances are the ligament injury Francis sustained soon after his £1m transfer to City will keep him sidelined.

This can only improve Forest's hopes of coming back with a point or three because nobody knows better than the men from Nottingham the qualities that make Trevor Francis the only player for whom two English managers have actually paid £1m in cash.

Francis' presence would give the clash an extra bite and it's obviously a match he'd have loved to have played in.

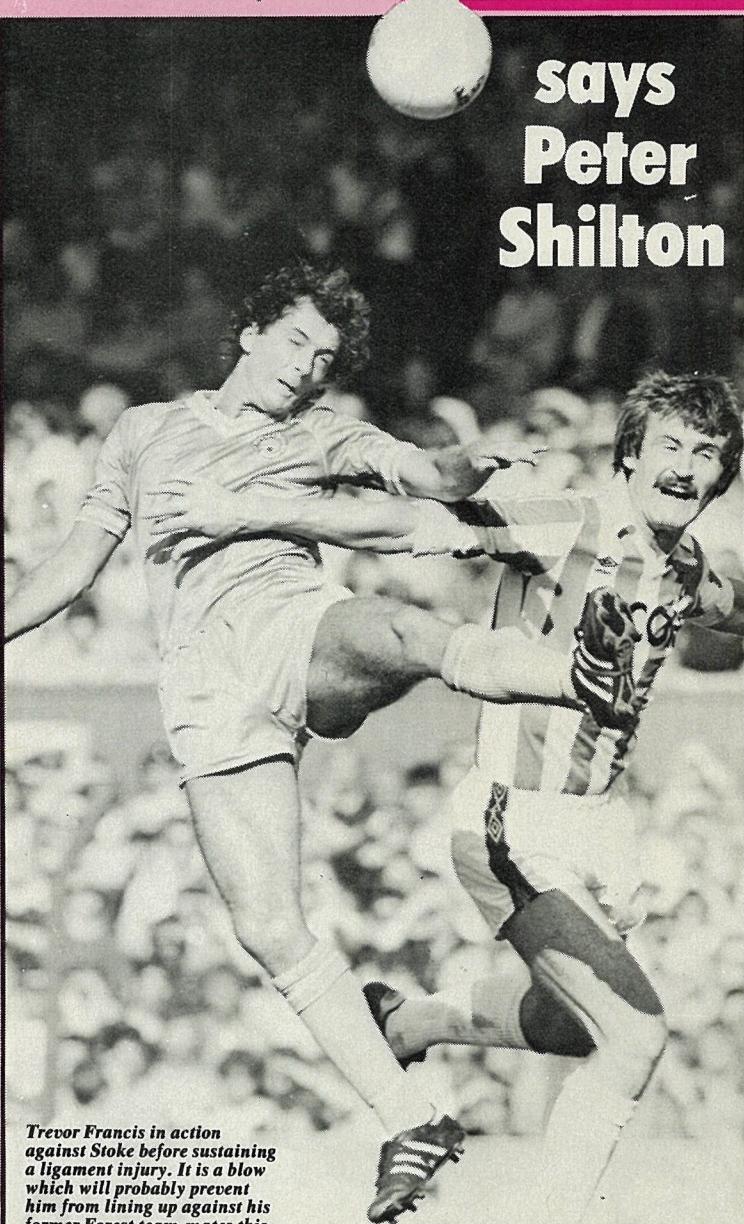
The fixture will inevitably revive the should-Forest-have-sold-him arguments and in this respect Shilton has firm views.

"There was obviously a lot of

# 'LOSING TREVOR COULD HELP FOREST'



**Says  
Peter  
Shilton**



Trevor Francis in action against Stoke before sustaining a ligament injury. It is a blow which will probably prevent him from lining up against his former Forest team-mates this Saturday.

talk in Nottingham about Trevor's possible departure," the England keeper says. "Nobody wants to lose a player of his ability.

"But Trevor's contract was due for renewal at the end of this season and he had been quoted as saying that he would welcome a move.

"At the same time, it was clear from our performances last season that we did not have the right balance up front with Trevor, Ian Wallace and Peter Ward.

"The signing of Justin Fashanu has given us that balance and although it's sad to see Trevor go, it could be that Justin's physical presence will bring the best now from Ian Wallace.

"He showed at Coventry that he needed a big man like Mick Ferguson beside him and it wasn't coincidence that the first time he was picked alongside Justin, he got himself a hat-trick at Birmingham."

## Asset

Although Forest found themselves in a situation where they had to sell their prized asset in Trevor Francis, Shilton feels that the pointers are all there for more honours to be captured.

He explained: "It's early days yet and one or two new players have got to find their feet but I feel sure that we will be a force to be reckoned with this season.

"The boss and Peter Taylor are not hiding the fact that they are building a new side with the emphasis on youth and you only have to look at their signings to realise that.

"Both Justin Fashanu and Mark Proctor, who cost something like £1½m between them, are 20-year-olds. They are also England Under-21 internationals and you can't do much better than have quality and youth.

"I've been impressed with both of them this season and I'm sure they will make a major impact with the club and on the interna-

tional scene in years to come.

"With these two, the possibility of another young signing and the likes of Stuart Gray, Gary Mills and Colin Walsh benefiting from the experience they gathered last season, the future of the club looks healthy.

"Of course the youngsters will need experience but that's what people like myself and John McGovern have got to offer."

Shilton is more convinced than ever that it's only a question of time before Nottingham Forest's glory days return.

The England goalkeeper decided on the eve of the season that he would stay at Forest for another two years.

He explained: "At the end of last season I felt that my future was away from Forest. I thought the time was right for a change and I honestly considered the possibility of going abroad.

"I decided to have a complete break from football for the summer to think things over and reluctantly I asked to be withdrawn from the England squad for the summer tour.

"I spent the entire close season on holiday with my wife Sue and talked things over before coming to the conclusion that my future was still in England — and with Forest.

"I needed that break (in Devon) to get it clear in my own mind which way my career was going.

"I never had any grumbles at the club or with the management with whom I have always had a good relationship. Once I had decided to stay at home, I wanted to stay at Forest.

"A lot of changes have taken place here in the last 18 months and I can see that Brian Clough and Peter Taylor are trying to build another Championship winning side.

"I'd love another League winners' medal, and perhaps another chance at the European Cup."

# GILLETTE GOALS OF THE CENTURY



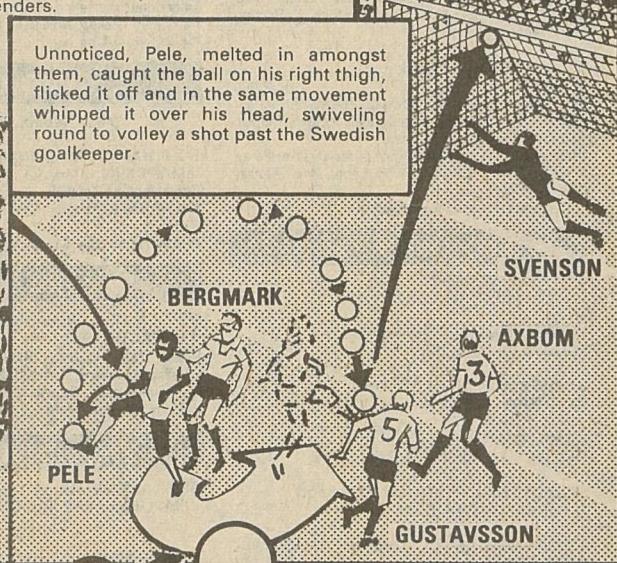
## WORLD CUP 1958

### BRAZIL v. SWEDEN

June 29th 1958 was the date when Pele scored the World Cup goal of the century and became a world super star.

The giant clock over-looking the stadium had just ticked to 5 past 4 when, from way out on the left touchline, Santos, the Brazilian left back, belted a high centre into the Swedish goalmouth that was packed with blond defenders.

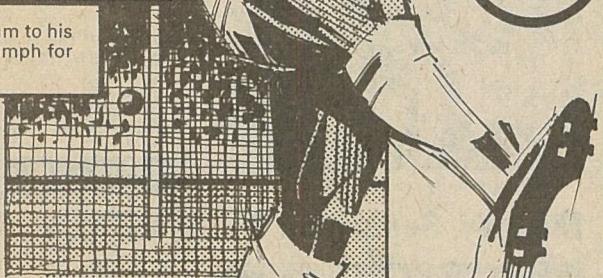
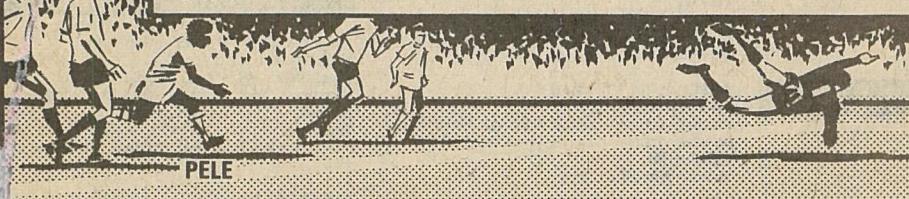
Unnoticed, Pele, melted in amongst them, caught the ball on his right thigh, flicked it off and in the same movement whipped it over his head, swiveling round to volley a shot past the Swedish goalkeeper.



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# LINE-UPS...RESULTS...SCORERS

Saturday, Sept 26

## Scottish Premier

(Continued)	
MORTON (0) 0	2 (McNeil, Houston)
DUNDEE (0) 0	2,100
Morton: Baines, Hayes, Holmes, Rooney, McLaughlin, Orr, Houston, McNeil, Busby, Hutchison, Docherty.	
Dundee: Geddes, Barr, Cameron, Kidd, Glennie, MacDonald, Ferguson, Bell, Sinclair (Mackie), Fleming, McGaughie (Stephen).	

ST. MIRREN (0) 1 (Stark pen)	
HIBS (0) 0	2,400
St. Mirren: Thomson, Beckett, Fulton, Fitzpatrick, McCormack, Copland, MacDougall, Stark, Somner, Abercrombie, Scanlon (Logan).	
Hibs: McArthur, Sneddon, Flavel, McNamara, Peterson, McLaren, Callaghan, MacLeod, Rae, Murray (Rodier), Duncan.	
Dundee v Rangers postponed.	

## Scottish First

AYR (1) 2 (Morris 2)	
QUEEN'S PARK (0) 0	2,292
CLYDEBANK (1) 1 (McLaughlin)	
FALKIRK (0) 1 (Smith)	760
DUMFERMLINE (0) 1 (Jenkins)	
MOTHERWELL (1) 2 (Irvine, Mills)	3,500
HAMILTON (1) 2 (Fairlie, Howie)	
QoS (1) 3 (Phillips 2, Coughlin)	1,200
HEARTS (1) 2 (MacDonald, O'Connor)	
DUMBARTON (0) 1 (Donnelly)	3,627
ST. JOHNSTONE (1) 2 (Caldwell, MacDonald)	
RAITH (0) 0	1,789
E. Stirling v Kilmarnock postponed.	

## Scottish Second

ARBOATH (2) 3 (Casey, Robb, Meakin)	
STENHOUSEMUIR (0) 0	770
BERWICK (0) 1 (Steele)	
COWDENBEATH (1) 2 (McCulloch 2)	750
E. FIFE (0) 0	
FORFAR (0) 4 (Bennett, Hancock, Clarke 2)	960
MEADOWBANK (1) 1 (Jobson)	
ALLOA (0) 1 (Oliver)	660
MONTRÉO (0) 0	
CLYDE (3) 3 (Taylor 2 (ogs), Forbes)	670
STIRLING (0) 1 (Colquhoun)	
ALBION (0) 0	950
STRANRAER (0) 0	
BRECHIN (3) 6 (Graham 3, Campbell (l), Campbell (R), Mackie)	250



St. Mirren penalty ace Billy Stark.

Monday, September 28

## Second Division

ORIENT (0) 0	
CHELSEA (1) 2 (Fillery, Mayes)	9,698
Orient: Day, Hughton, Roffey, Taylor (T), Gray, Cunningham, Godfrey (Taylor (P)), Jennings, Moores, Silksman, Margerrison.	
Chelsea: Borota, Locke, Hutchings, Rhoades-Brown, Pates, Chivers, Driver, Bumstead, Lee, Mayes, Fillery.	
Fourth Division	

PORT VALE (0) 2 (Sproson, Moss)	
COLCHESTER (0) 1 (McDonough)	3,351

Tuesday, September 29

## European Cup-Winners' Cup

(First Round, second leg)

TOTTENHAM (0) 3 (Galvin, Falco, Ardiles)	
AJAX (0) 0	34,606
Tottenham: Clemence, Hughton, Miller, Roberts, Villa, Perryman, Ardiles, Archibald, Galvin, Hodde, Falco. (Spurs win 6-1 on agg.)	

## UEFA Cup

(First Round, second leg)

SOUTHAMPTON (0) 1 (Keegan)	
LIMERICK (0) 1 (Morris)	12,841
Southampton: Katalinic, Golac, Holmes, Baker, Watson, Agbola, Keegan, Channon, Moran, Armstrong, Ball. (Southampton win 4-1 on agg.)	

## Second Division

BOLTON (1) 1 (Thompson)	
NEWCASTLE (0) 0	6,429
Bolton: Peacock, Jones, Bennett, Henry, McElhinney, Gowling Thompson, Carter, Hogan, Cantello, Hebbard. Newcastle: Carr, Brownlie, Davies, Trewick, Barton, Halliday, Shinton, Martin, Varadi, Wharton, Waddle.	

## Third Division

BRISTOL ROVERS (0) 2 (Mabbatt 2)	
WIMBLEDON (0) 2 (Hubbick 2)	7,513
CARLISLE (0) 1 (Staniforth)	
BURNLEY (0) 0	3,983

## Fourth Division

DONCASTER (0) 1 (Pugh)	
PRESTON (0) 0	7,513
FULHAM (0) 2 (Davies, Wilson)	
SOUTHEND (1) 1 (Otulakowski)	4,556
GILLINGHAM (0) 1 (Price)	
BRISTOL CITY (0) 1 (Harford)	3,887
HUDDERSFIELD (1) 1 (Robins)	
CHESTER (1) 2 (Simpson 2)	7,747
MILLWALL (0) 1 (Chatterton)	
OXFORD (0) 2 (Jones, Cassells)	5,885
NEWTOWN (0) 0	
BRENTFORD (0) 1 (Tucker)	4,028
PLYMOUTH (0) 1 (Hodges)	
READING (1) 1 (Heale)	2,745
PORTSMOUTH (2) 2 (Rafferty, Hemmerson)	
EXETER (0) 0	10,989
SWINDON (1) 1 (Hughes)	
CHESTERFIELD (1) 2 (Crawford, Ridley)	5,365
WALSALL (0) 2 (Buckley, Penn)	
LINCOLN (1) 1 (Cunningham)	3,653

## TRANMERE (0) 1 (Williams)

DARLINGTON (0) 1 (Speedie)

1,345

## Scottish First

E. STIRLING (2) 2 (Sharp 2)

KILMARNOCK (1) 1 (McCready)

820

Wed, September 30

## European Cup

(First Round, second leg)

### JUVENTUS (2) 2 (Virdis, Bettiga)

CELTIC (0) 0

70,000

Celtic: Bonner, Moyes, Reid, Aitken, McAdam, Macleod, Provan, Sullivan, McCluskey, Burns, McGarvey. (Juventus win 2-1 on agg.)

### LIVERPOOL (2) 7 (Dalglish, McDermott 2, Kennedy (R), Johnson, Rush, Lawrenson)

OULIN PALLOSEURA (0) 0

20,789

Liverpool: Grobbelaar, Neal, Kennedy (A), Thompson, Kennedy (R) (Lawrenson), Hansen, Dalglish, Lee, Johnson (Rush), McDermott, Souness. (Liverpool win 8-0 on agg.)

## First Division

MANCHESTER UTD (0) 1 (Stapleton)

LEEDS (0) 0

47,019

Man. Utd: Bailey, Gidman, Albiston, Wilkins, McQueen, Buchan, Coppel, Birles, Stapleton, McIlroy, Moses. Leeds: Lukic, Hird, Gray (F), Flynn (Connor), Stevenson, Cherry, Harris, Graham, Thomas, Hamson, Barnes.

## Fourth Division

BLACKPOOL (2) 7 (Hockaday, Bamber 3, Sömmenite, Noble, Harrison)

HALIFAX (0) 1 (Davison)

5,084

BRADFORD (2) 2 (Gallagher, McNiven)

ROCHDALE (0) 0

5,388

HARPLEPOOL (2) 3 (Houchen pen, Hampton, Newton)

HULL (2) 2 (Whitehurst, Mutrie pen)

2,654



Kenny Dalglish opens the way for Liverpool against Oulon.

TORQUAY (1) 2 (Rioch, Bowker)

MANSFIELD (0) 0

3,100

Peterborough v Hereford postponed.

## Scottish First

AYR (0) 3 (Christie 2, Kean)

DUMBARTON (2) 2 (Irralist, Coyle)

## Scottish Second

BERWICK (1) 2 (Marshall, Davidson)

EAST FIFE (0) 1 (Scott)

Friday, October 2

## Fourth Division

COLCHESTER (2) 5 (Coleman, Allinson pen, Bremner 2, McDonough)

NORTHAMPTON (0) 1 (Denyer pen)

2,760

CREWE (0) 0

PORT VALE (1) 2 (Chamberlain (N), Chamberlain (M))

4,604

Saturday, October 3

## First Division

BIRMINGHAM (1) 2 (Langan, Dillon)

WEST HAM (1) 2 (Cross 2)

22,290

Birmingham: Wealands, Langan, Dennis, Dillon, Broadhurst, Todd, Brocken, Whatmore, Worthington, Gemmill, van Mierlo (Handsides).

West Ham: McAlister, Stewart, Lampard, Bonds, Martin, Devonshire, Neighbour, Goddard, Cross, Brooking, Pike.

BRIGHTON (0) 4 (Robinson, Ritchie 2, Smith)

MANCHESTER CITY (0) 1 (Reeves)

18,300

Brighton: Moseley, Shanks, Williams, Greash (Stevens), Foster, Gatting, Case, Ritchie, Robinson, McNab, Smith.

Man. City: Corrigan, Ranson, McDonald, Reid, Bond, Caton, Tueart, O'Neill, Boyer, Hutchison, Reeves.

LEEDS (0) 1 (Balcombe)

ASTON VILLA (1) 1 (Shaw)

21,065

Leeds: Lukic, Stevenson, Gray (F), Hird, Hart, Cherry, Harris, Graham, Balcombe, Hamson, Barnes.

Aston Villa: Rimmer, Swain, Gibson, Evans, Ormsby, Mortimer, Bremner, Shaw (Morley), Withe, Cowans, Blair.

# ... LINE-UPS... RESULTS...

LIVERPOOL (0) 2 (McDermott 2 pens)  
SWANSEA (1) 2 (James (L) pen, Latchford)

48,645

**Liverpool:** Grobbelaar, Neal, Kennedy (A), Thompson, Lawrenson, Whelan, Dalglish, Lee, Johnson (Sheedy), McDermott, Souness.

**Swansea:** Davies, Robinson, Hadzibabic, Rajkovic, Irwin, Mahoney, Curtis, James (R), James (L), Thompson, Latchford.

MACHESTER UTD (2) 5 (Stapleton, McIlroy 3, Birtles)

46,837

**Man. Utd:** Bailey, Gidman, Albiston, Wilkins, Moran, Buchan, Coppell, Birtles, Stapleton, McIlroy, Moses.

**Wolves:** Bradshaw, Palmer, Parkin, Daniel, Gallagher, Berry, Hibbitt, Birch (Atkinson), Gray, Richards, Matthews.

NOTTS CO (0) 2 (Hunt, Kilcline)

10,848

**ARSENAL (1) 1 (Hawley)**

10,848

**Notts Co:** Avramovic, Benjamin, Worthington, Goodwin, Kilcline, Richards, McCulloch, Masson, Christie, Hunt, Hooks (Mair).

**Arsenal:** Jennings, Hollins, Sansom, Talbot, O'Leary, Young, Davis, Sunderland, Hawley (McDermott), Nicholas, Rix.

SOUTHAMPTON (1) 4 (Keegan pen, Armstrong 2, Moran)

22,552

**Southampton:** Wells, Golac, Holmes, Baker, Watson, Waldron, Keegan, Channon, Moran, Armstrong, Ball.

**Ipswich:** Cooper, Steggles, McCall, Mills, Butcher, Osman, Wark, Muhran, Mariner, Parkin (O'Callaghan), Gates.

STOKE (1) 3 (Chapman 2, Maguire)

16,007

**Everton:** Fox, Evans, Hampton, Dodd, O'Callaghan, Smith, Ursem, Heath, Chapman, Bracewell, Maguire.

**Everton:** Arnold, Wright, Bailey (Sharp), Walsh, Lyons, Thomas, McMahon, O'Keefe, Biley, Ross, McBride.

SUNDERLAND 0

19,269

**COVENTRY 0**

19,269

**Sunderland:** Siddall, Hinnigan, Munro, Buckley, Clarke, Hindmarsh, Elliott, McCoist, Ritchie, Rowell, Cummins.

**Coventry:** Blyth, Thomas, Roberts, Jacobs, Dyson, Gillespie, Kaiser, Daly (Hateley), Thompson, Whitton, Hunt.

TOTTENHAM (1) 3 (Falco 2, Hazard)

34,870

**NOTTM. FOREST (0) 0**

34,870

**Tottenham:** Clemence, Hughton, Miller, Roberts, Hazard, Perryman, Ardiles, Archibald, Galvin, Hoddle, Falco.

**Nottm. Forest:** Shilton, Anderson, Gray, McGovern, Burns, Gunn, Mills, Wallace, Fashanu, Proctor, Robertson (Walsh).

WBA (0) 2 (Summerfield, Regis)

12,840

**MIDDLESBROUGH (0) 0**

12,840

**WBA:** Godden, Batson, Statham, King, Wile, Robertson, Cross, Summerfield, Regis, Owen, Mackenzie.

**Middlesbrough:** Platt, Cragg, Bolton, Thompson, Baxter, McAndrew, Cochrane, Otto, Woof (Ashcroft), Shearer, Askew.

## Second Division

BOLTON (0) 1 (Thomas)

7,217

**GRIMSBY (1) 2 (Drinkell, Mitchell)**

7,217

**Bolton:** Peacock, Jones, Bennett, Henry, McElhinney, Gowling, Thompson, Carter, Hoggan (Thomas), Cannello, Hebbert.

**Grimsby:** Batch, Moore (D), Crombie, Waters, Wiggin-ton, Moore (K), Broily, Whymark, Drinkell, Mitchell, Cumming.

CAMBRIDGE (0) 1 (Reilly)

8,806

**CHELSEA (0) 0**

8,806

**Cambridge:** Webster, Christie, Murray, Reilly, Fallon, O'Neill, Streete, Spriggs, Mayo, Gibbons, Finney.

**Chelsea:** Borota, Locke, Hutchings, Rhoades-Brown, Pates, Chivers, Driver (Walker), Bumstead, Lee, Mayes, Fillery.

CHARLTON (1) 2 (Hales 2)

6,686

**DERBY (0) 1 (Emson)**

6,686

**Charlton:** Johns, Naylor, Ferns, Gritt, McAllister, Phillips, Elliott, Walsh, Hales, Lansdowne, Robinson.

**Derby:** Cherry, Coop, Buckley, Powell (S), Ramage, Powell (B), Spooner, Reid, Wilson, Swindlehurst (Gamble), Emson.

CARDIFF (0) 0

5,764

**NEWCASTLE (2) 4 (Davies pen, Varadi 3)**

5,764

**Cardiff:** Healey, Jones, Sullivan, Sayer (Kitchen), Pon-tin, Dwyer, Bennett, Sugrue, Stevens, Ronson, Lewis.

**Newcastle:** Carr, Brownlie, Davies, Trewick, Barton, Halliday, Shinton, Martin, Varadi, Wharton, Waddle.

**LEICESTER (0) 1 (Lineker)**

12,558

**Leicester:** Wallington, Williams, Gibson, Ramsey, May, O'Neill, Lynex, Melrose, Young, Wilson (Lineker), Mac-Donald.

**C. Palace:** Barron, Bason, Dane, Price, Cannon, Gilbert, Brooks, Smillie, Hughes, Langley, Hilaire.

**NORWICH (1) 1 (Jack pen)**

13,710

**Norwich:** Woods, Nightingale, Donachie, McGuire, Walford, Hoyle, Barham, Jack, Bertschin, Paddon (Shepherd), Woods.

**Oldham:** McDonnell, Sinclair, Ryan, Keegan, Hoellickin, Futcher, Wydie, Heaton, Steel, Palmer, McDonough.

**ORIENT (0) 0**

5,084

**Orient:** Day, Hughton, Roffey, Taylor (T), Gray, Cunningham, Godfrey, Jennings, Moores, Margrison, Taylor (P) (Silkman).

**Luton:** Findlay, Stephens, Aizlewood, Horton, Saxby, Donaghy, Hill, Stein, White, Fuccillo, Moss (Antic).

**QPR (1) 2 (Gregory, Allen)**

9,451

**BLACKBURN (0) 0**

4,646

**QPR:** Burridge, Gregory, Fenwick, Waddock, Hazell, Roeder, Mickiewich, Stainrod, Allen, Currie, Gillard.

**Blackburn:** Genoe, Branagan, Rathbone, Hamilton, Keeley, Fazackerley, Miller, Burke, Stonehouse, Crawford, Brosteron (Lowey).

**SHEFFIELD WED (0) 0**

18,256

**Sheff. Wed:** Bolder, Blackhall, Grant, Smith, Shirliffe, Taylor (Mellor), Megson, Mirocevic, Bannister, McCullough, Curran.

**Wrexham:** Niedzwiecki, Jones, Bater, Dowman, Cegielski, Hunt, Fox, McNeil, Edwards, Vinter, Car-rodot.

**SHREWSBURY (1) 2 (Biggins, McNally)**

4,646

**ROTHERHAM (1) 1 (Forrest)**

4,646

**Shrewsbury:** Wardle, Leonard, Johnson, Petts, Griffin, McLaren, Tong (Cross), McNally, Atkins, Biggins, Bates.

**Rotherham:** Mountford, Forrest, Breckin, Rhodes, Stancliffe, Green, Townner, Gooding, Moore, Fern (Carr), Henson.

**WATFORD (2) 3 (Poskett, Barnes, Jackett)**

10,803

**BARNESLEY (1) 1 (Aylett)**

10,803

**Watford:** Sherwood, Rice, Pritchett, Taylor, Sims, Bolton, Callaghan, Poskett (Gilligan), Blissett, Jackett, Barnes.

**Barnsley:** Horn, Joyce, Chambers, Glavin, Banks, McCarthy, Evans, Parker, Aylett (Riley), McHale, Barrowclough.

## Third Division

**BRENTFORD (0) 1 (Johnson)**

4,590

**CARLISLE (0) 2 (Lee, Staniforth)**

4,590

**BRISTOL CITY (0) 0**

6,033

**WALSALL (1) 1 (Penn)**

6,033

**BURNLEY (0) 0**

3,359

**SWINDON (2) 2 (Rowland, Greenwood)**

6,150

**CHESTERFIELD (0) 2 (Windridge, Ridley)**

6,150

**PORTSMOUTH (1) 2 (Hemmerman, Tait)**

6,150

**EXETER (3) 5 (Kellow, Lester 3, Rogers (P))**

7,169

**MILLWALL (1) 4 (Horrix, Anderson, Tagg, Chat-terton pen)**

7,169

**LINCOLN (0) 2 (Cammack, Hobson)**

3,351

**NEWPORT (1) 2 (Tynan 2)**

3,351

**OXFORD (1) 2 (Foley, Thomas)**

4,244

**FULHAM (0) 0**

4,244

**PRESTON (0) 0**

4,964

**BRISTOL ROVERS (1) 1 (Stephens)**

4,964

**READING (0) 1 (Heale)**

4,971

**HUDDERSFIELD (2) 2 (Kindon pen, Hicks)**

4,971

**WIMBLEDON (0) 0**

2,510

**GILLINGHAM (1) 2 (Bowman 2 (1 pen))**

2,510

**Chester v Doncaster postponed.**

## Fourth Division

**DARLINGTON 0**

1,628

**PETERBOROUGH 0**

1,628

**HALIFAX (1) 2 (Allatt, Graham)**

2,420

**BURY (0) 1 (Madden)**

2,420

**HEREFORD (0) 1 (Oversen)**

2,247

**HARTLEPOOL (0) 1 (Houchen)**

2,247

**HULL (0) 1 (Whitehurst)**

3,087

**TRANMERE (2) 2 (Mountfield, Williams)**

3,087

**MANSFIELD (1) 2 (Bird, Caldwell)**

**BLACKPOOL (1) 2 (Hockaday, McEwan)**

3,466

**SCUNTHORPE (1) 1 (Grimes)**

**BRADFORD (1) 3 (Gallagher, Partridge (og), McNiven)**

3,229

**STOCKPORT (0) 1 (Power)**

**BOURNEMOUTH (2) 2 (Funnell 2)**

2,718

**WIGAN (1) 1 (Houghton)**

4,876

**TORQUAY (0) 0**

4,876

**YORK (2) 3 (Walwyn, Ford, McDonald)**

**SHEFFIELD UTD (2) 4 (Hatton, Kenworthy pen, Trussell 2)**

5,557

## Scottish Premier

**ABERDEEN (0) 2 (Watson, Rougvie)**

**MORTON (0) 0**

12,000

**Aberdeen:** Leighton, Kennedy, Rougvie, Watson, McLeish (Cooper), Miller, Strachan, Simpson, McCall, Cowan (McGhee), Weir.

**Morton:** Baines, Hayes, Holmes, Rooney, McLaughlin, Orr, Houston, Cochrane, Busby (McNab), Hutchison, McNeill.

**DUNDEE (0) 1 (McGeachie)**

**CELTIC (1) 3 (McCluskey 2, McGarvey)**

13,254

**Dundee:** Geddes, Barr, MacDonald, Glennie, Cameron, Fraser, Bell, McGeachie (Mackie), Ferguson, Sinclair, Fleming (Scrimgeour).

**Celtic:** Bonner, Moyes, Aitken, McAdam, Reid, Sulli-van, Burns, MacLeod, Nicholas, McCluskey, McGarvey.

**HIBS (0) 1 (Duncan)**

**DUNDEE UTD (1) 1 (Dodds)**

5,000

**Hibs:** McArthur, Sneddon, McNamara, Patterson, McLaren, Callachan, Duncan, Flavell, Rae, MacLeod (Schaeffer), Murray (Rodier).

**Dundee Utd:** McAlpine, Stark, Kopel, Phillip, Hegarty, Gough, Kirkwood, Bannon, Milne (Payne), Sturrock, Dodds.

**PARTICK (1) 1 (Clark)**

**ST. MIRREN (0) 1 (McDougall)**

2,000

**Partick:** Rough, McKinnon, Whittaker, Anderson, Dunlop, McDonald, Doyle, Park, Watson, Johnstone, Clark.

**St. Mirren:** Thomson, Beckett, Fulton (Bone), McCormack, Copland, Abercrombie, Stark, McAvinnie, McDougall, Somner, Scanlon.

**RANGERS (2) 4 (Bett 2, Johnstone, Jardine)**

**AIRDRIE (1) 1 (Clark pen)**

12,500

**Rangers:** Stewart, Jardine, Dawson, Stevens, Forsyth, Bett, Russell, Cooper (Redford), Johnstone, MacDonald, Johnston (Mackay).

**Airdrie:** Martin, Erwin, Rodger, March, McCluskey, Anderson, Walker, Clark, Gordon, Thompson (McKeown), Campbell (McGuire).

**SCOTTISH FIRST**

**DUMBARTON (1) 2 (McGowan, Rankin)**

**ST. JOHNSTONE (1) 1 (McDonald)**

500

**FALKIRK (0) 3 (Craig (og), Thompson, Smith)**

**HAMILTON (0) 0**

1,300

**KILMARNOCK (0) 0**

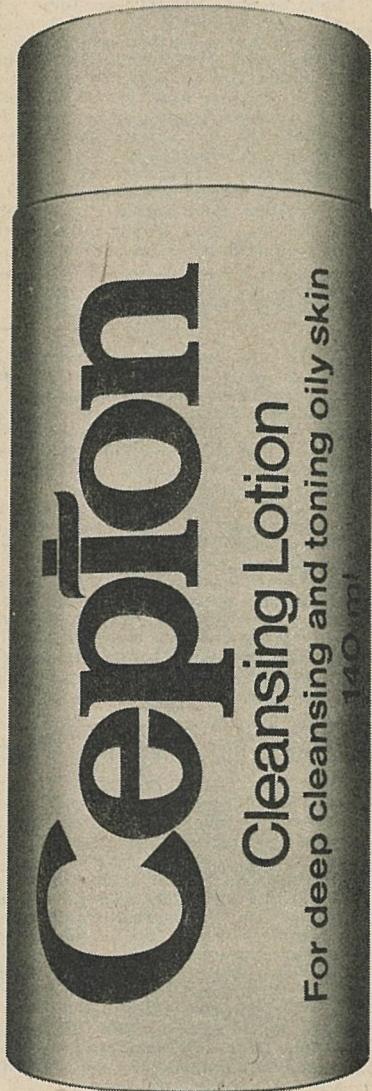
**DUNFERMLINE (1) 1 (Jenkins)**

2,000

**MOTHERWELL (1) 3 (McLaughlin, Conn, McLellan)**

**E. STIRLING (0) 0**

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## 'MY GREATEST CHALLENGE'

**~Don Masson**

**N**OFTS COUNTY'S prodigious son reckoned he was taking on his greatest challenge last month when he returned to Meadow Lane for the second time in his career.

And it took Don Masson less than a week to have that theory confirmed . . . as Ipswich Town ruthlessly produced a lesson in how to turn chances into goals.

It was a new experience for the majority of County players as Bobby Robson's men won 4-1 — but not for the veteran Masson.

The former Scottish international knows all about the requirements of the top level after serving Queens Park Rangers and Derby County, and it's precisely because of his vast experience that he was welcomed "home" after a summer in America.

Masson, of course, has captained County to promotion three times during his various spells with the club and he was an inspiring leader last season when they hoisted themselves back into the First Division after a break of 55 years.

But sentiment didn't enter things when the stylish midfielder — now approaching his 35th birthday — was invited back to Meadow Lane.

He explained: "I wouldn't have got the chance to return if the manager and chairman hadn't

thought I still had something to offer.

"I've always maintained that I would still be playing top-class football when I was 35 and although I've taken on a big challenge, it doesn't frighten me.

"I was pleased enough with my performances last season and although it was harder work than I expected in The States, I enjoyed myself during the summer."

Masson's 19 assists established a new club record for Minnesota Kicks as they fought their way through to the play-offs and he reckons that continuous football will benefit him.

### 'Stiffen'

"I find it's better to avoid having a lengthy break when you get older because the legs don't stiffen up," he added.

"And although I didn't have the best of starts back at Meadow Lane with that Ipswich result being followed by defeats at Everton and Wolves, I think I can keep the legs pumping for a while yet.

"I just hope I can use my experience to help us establish ourselves in the First Division and if we achieve that, I will have done my job.

"If we believe in ourselves and show our ability with consistency, there's no reason why we shouldn't finish in a respectable position."

# THIRD AND FOURTH DIVISION ROUND-UP



THE proposed re-organisation of the Third and Fourth Divisions might come too late to save some clubs — assuming it gets the go-ahead at all.

A plan to scrap the Third and Fourth Divisions in their present form and replace them with a Third Division South, Midlands and North — each of 18 clubs — received a cool reception when it was announced.

Except, of course, from the half-dozen clubs from outside the League who would get their big chance to move up. They welcomed the idea.

It's aimed at helping desperately hard up clubs to save money. But those concerned say that travelling takes up only a tiny percentage of their income anyway.

Even if the scheme does eventually come into operation it is likely

that some clubs will not be around to welcome it in.

COLCHESTER have already announced that they are so hard-up it is possible they will have to fold before the end of the season.

The Essex club don't attract big gates at the best of times and this leaves them struggling to absorb losses that are running at £2,000 a week.

And BRENTFORD'S plight was revealed by new chairman Martin Lange, who went out and faced demonstrators after a recent home defeat.

The fans were unhappy at a poor run of results. So Lange, who replaced Dan Tana at the beginning of the month, spelled out a few facts for them.

He told them that The Bees were £300,000 in debt and in no position to be held to ransom by greedy players demanding fortunes to sign.

Lange also shocked his 'audience' by revealing that players given free transfers elsewhere were asking for a £25,000 signing on fee and an astonishing £700 a week in wages.

So with three million on the dole it seems that footballers — even very ordinary ones — believe that the recession applies to everyone but them.

On the playing side one of the great names from the past — Greaves — hit the headlines again.

This time it's Danny Greaves — 19-year-old son of legendary Jimmy, goalscoring genius of Chelsea and Tottenham fame.

He came on as substitute for Southend and made the final goal in the 3-0 win over Plymouth.

He followed that up by coming on against Bristol Rovers and netting the only goal of the game.

Greaves has until the end of the season to prove himself. That's when his contract runs out and the signs are that he will do enough to earn himself a new one.

Southend boss Dave Smith said before the season started that Greaves had the ability to make a big impression. He signed him last Christmas and gave him an 18-month contract.

Greaves was leading scorer in the reserves last season and hit

the target in every match he has played so far this.

His only disappointment about his first team debut was that dad could not be there to see it. He was away covering a match for a national newspaper.

CHESTERFIELD — pipped for promotion in the final stages last season — clearly intend to make sure this time. They produced fine form to charge to the top of the Third Division.

Billy Bremner's newly promoted DONCASTER were up there with them.

READING maintained their bright start while WALSALL, SWINDON and BRISTOL ROVERS — who all struggled last season — show signs of much better things this time.

In the Fourth Division BOURNEMOUTH continue to set the pace for the others to follow.

And among those doing it are BRADFORD CITY — now under the new management of Roy McFarland, the former Derby and England centre-half.

One club for whom a change of manager most certainly did not mean a change of luck were CREWE. They brought in former Wrexham boss Arfon Griffiths — who watched them lose their first eight Fourth Division games.

## Another Greaves on the goal-trail



Lincoln goalkeeper David Felgate makes a crucial save in the 1-1 draw with Fulham at Sincil Bank.

# GOAL-LINES

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## McQueen misery

IT'S obvious that Gordon McQueen is getting worried in case Man. City are going to overshadow United again, like last season.

It must have been a miserable time for Gordon, with City grabbing all the headlines, culminating in an F.A. Cup Final appearance.

Gordon made out a very peculiar case that City signed Trevor Francis (right) just to keep up with United signing Stapleton; it's a fact that City have needed a class striker since Christmas.

Yes, Gordon, I predict it's going to be another miserable time for you.

NICK LAWLESS,  
BLACKLEY.

• I haven't seen too many miserable faces around Old Trafford lately — or too many smiles at Maine Road.



This week's Star Letter comes from Nick Burrows of Nottingham who wins our Special Prize of £10. He writes:

## ENGLAND'S FUTURE IS BRIGHT

I, for one, am not despairing at England's current plight as I feel that a number of fine, classy players are emerging through League teams. Fine and classy at the moment — in two or three years they will be world-beaters, I am sure, as they ooze confidence and show skill, possibly reminiscent of Dutch football in the 1970's.

Paul Goddard of West Ham is one such player. He has speed and style and the confidence to use it. If he fails once he'll be back to prove that the failure was the "1 in 10."

Steve McCall of Ipswich is a player who already exhibits tremendous skill on the ball (possibly an offshoot from playing with Arnold Muhren and Frans Thijssen) and foresight of moves by other players across the whole field of play.

Sammy Lee is a tremendous worker, yet not in the way of many previous England workers, for he has skill and vision as well.

Terry Curran, Eric Gates and Mark Proctor prove incessantly that they are players who can unlock almost any defence.

I can see an extremely bright future for English football. The types of player I have mentioned will make England great again.

Perhaps in five years the World Cup will be held aloft by Steve McCall for England.

If these players are given the chance to prove their confidence and class — they will not fail, even with journalists around.

Here's to World Cup '86.

• Right now England would settle to just be in the '86 Finals, let alone win them. Sadly, I can't see any of the players you've mentioned being a long-term international.



Ipswich's Eric Gates is tipped for an international future with England.

## Bring back Mal

THE new season has begun to move with the new points system, new managers, new pin-striped shirts.

But I cannot feel the enthusiasm I usually feel, even with so many changes.

The reason for the lack of enthusiasm on my part is the absence of the genius Malcolm Allison from the football scene.

I want to see Malcolm Allison back at the helm of a top team and given a two-year contract with a guarantee that he would get that time to build a team.

PAT DONOHOE,  
DUBLIN.

• If Sporting Lisbon can defeat Southampton in the UEFA Cup Allison will have proved a point, but I fear he's made one too many costly mistakes in the transfer market to get a 'big' job again here.

## Play two games on match day

FALLING attendances must become a thing of the past if clubs are to survive.

One reason for the absence of the missing fans is the lack of entertainment they get for the price they pay to watch.

I suggest staging Football Combination or Youth team games before League matches.

Occasionally a team will put on pre-match entertainment for a game, e.g. police dog displays and brass bands, but the question to ask is — does this really attract the fans?

Many people find a day's entertainment elsewhere. Why not try out these methods and make Saturday a big day out for everybody again?

PETER ANTELL,  
MILL HILL.

• If the main match is good enough fans won't want anything else.

## Boro blast

I WOULD like to take this opportunity on behalf of the supporters of Middlesbrough Football Club, to thank certain members of the board.

They have spent a busy close season trying to ensure that Middlesbrough become the richest Fourth Division team in England and with the best facilities.

They have used their vast knowledge of football to transform Middlesbrough overnight, using the money from the sales of three of the best midfielders in the First Division, Proctor, Armstrong and Johnston, and spent the money on two defenders and a £1 million sports complex.

Unfortunately this decline sounds remarkably like the great Chelsea slump of the mid-70's.

MICHAEL MCLEARY,  
LINTHORPE.

• Bobby Murdoch's in one of the First Division's hottest seats — and it's getting hotter all the time.

## Don't knock Clem

IT amazes me how anyone has the nerve to complain about Ray Clemence.

He was behind his Liverpool defence for a long time and had got to know how they played. He has come to Spurs for a new challenge.

O.K., so he's let in a few too many goals, but Spurs haven't been exactly injury-free in the past few weeks and he hasn't had a stable defence.

Already the results are improving and it won't be long before Ray Clemence shows us once again he is the joint first place keeper in Britain (Phil Parkes of West Ham is the other number one).

YVONNE DETTEN,  
TWYFORD.

• People always make instant judgments. In Clemence's case he's certainly having the last laugh.

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## Johnny Carey

My Grandad tells me that Johnny Carey of Manchester United played against England for different countries within a few days. Is he having me on?

STEPHEN EDWARDS,  
BLACKPOOL

• No, Stephen, he certainly isn't. Dublin-born Johnny Carey was not only a very fine footballer — United skipper in their F.A. Cup (1948) and League Championship (1952) victories; and "Footballer of the Year" for 1948-49 — but, due to the odd qualification rules of the time, was able to gain caps for both Eire (29) and Northern Ireland (7).

So, in the autumn of 1946, he was a member of the Northern Ireland team beaten 7-2 by England in Belfast on 28th September; and then of the Eire side which went down 1-0 to England in Dublin two days later on 30th September.

In May, 1947, Carey was honoured by captaining the Rest of Europe v. Great Britain at Hampden Park.

## Player and manager

Did Ipswich manager Bobby Robson once play for, or manage, Fulham?

OWEN COOK,  
LOWESTOFT.

• Both, Owen! As a player, Robson started and finished his career at Craven Cottage.

He kicked-off with 152 League games for Fulham until his transfer to West Bromwich in March, 1956 — and then another 191 after returning there in the summer of 1962.

All his 20 full England caps, though, were gained during his spell with Albion.

In May, 1967, Robson went to Canada to manage Vancouver — but the following New Year joined Fulham, for the third time, as manager. Then in January, 1969 he moved on to his present highly successful job at Ipswich.

## SHORT PASSES

• Between 1927 and 1946, Arsenal played five qualified medical doctors in their first team — and all five were forwards.

(DAVID GRIFFITHS, Orpington)

• Q.P.R.'s record scorer is George Goddard — 172 League goals between 1926 and 1934. His 37 goals (Div. Three South) in 1929-30 is also Q.P.R.'s seasonal record.

(STEPHEN BROWN, Andover)

• Before joining Liverpool in August 1977, Kenny Dalglish scored 112 goals in 204 Scottish League games for Celtic.

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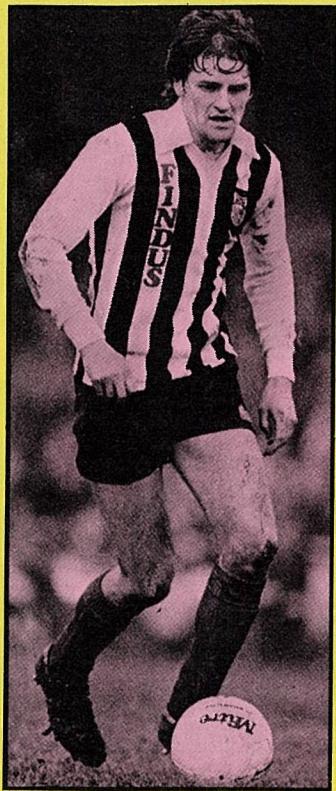
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# GRIMSBY TOWN



## CLUB SPOTLIGHT



Trevor Whymark, once with Ipswich but now fighting Grimsby's battles.

**M**OST Grimsby players can expect to be dropped this season.

Manager George Kerr explains: "We've come a long way in a short time. The team which won promotion from Division Four in 1979 and nearly made history by reaching the First Division last season is virtually the same.

"Now, the players must be made aware that they've got to learn more about the tactical side of the game... and I must ensure against complacency.

"I'll be making more use of my squad from now. I dropped Mike Brolly for one game recently, but told him he'd be back for the next match.

### 'Shrewd'

"That way I avoided him telling me to my face what he really thought of me. Very shrewd..."

Kerr is, indeed, a shrewd manager with a good sense of humour. It'll be a long time before another club gets anywhere near Grimsby's near-miss of three successive promotions, especially with a team that cost next to nothing to put together.

The Mariners' boss was never particularly confident that they would make Division One, despite a tremendous run last season, when from being 20th in

**Grimsby boss**  
*George Kerr,*  
a shrewd  
and  
humorous  
manager.



November, they were in third position in April.

Their final placing of seventh served warning and Kerr is happier about his team's chances this season.

"We're a better side now," he says. "The players are more experienced and they've proved to themselves they can more than live with clubs who, a few years ago, seemed light years away."

Kerr can even afford to lose one of his three strikers. "I have Kevin Drinkell, Trevor Whymark and Kevin Kilmore. One of them can go."

"I turned down a £300,000 bid from Middlesbrough in September for Drinkell because I didn't think it was high enough. He's a player with vast potential, but he doesn't really want to go."

**BACK ROW (left to right):** Kevin Moore, Graham Cawthorne, Nigel Batch, Mike Czuczman, Dave Moore.

**MIDDLE ROW:** John Steeples, Phil Crosby, Tony Ford, Gary Beacock, John Ward, John Stone, Dean Crombie, Clive Wigginton, Kevin Kilmore.

**FRONT ROW:** Andy O'Dell, Bob Mitchell, Kevin Drinkell, Joe Waters, Bob Cumming, Mike Brolly, Trevor Whymark.

Grimsby's strengths lie in solid team-work, the sort of understanding that's built up over the past few years and the skill of underrated and, to a certain extent, unknown players.

Nigel Batch is as solid a goalie as you'll see in Division Two. The back-four of John Stone, Clive Wigginton, Kevin Moore and Dean Crombie may not be fashionable, but they give little away.

Captain Joe Waters pulls the strings in midfield, along with Bob Mitchell, while wingers Mike Brolly, Bob Cumming and Tony Ford ensure strikers Whymark, Drinkell and Kilmore have plenty of chances supplied.

"We're a good side," says Kerr. "We'll win more matches than we lose because we have a go at opponents. Alan Mullery said to me after Charlton had beaten us 2-0 at The Valley how pleased he was because we're a strong side. He isn't kidding..."



*Sting's shoot-out hero Rudy Glenn with the club's emblem.*

*Cosmos captain Giorgio Chinaglia (left) and Chicago's Paul Hahn chase this loose ball.*



# COSMOS STUNG!

**C**HICAGO Sting certainly won the Soccer Bowl the hard way. Every one of their play-off ties went to a shoot-out and it was only fitting the Final against the Cosmos should, too.

In the end the Sting scored from two of their five shoot-out attempts (a player has five seconds to score from the 35-yard line) to the Cosmos' one.

Over 6,000 fans from Chicago were in Toronto and the 36,971 crowd was a record for a soccer game in the city; the previous best was 34,000 for the Toronto Blizzard/Nottingham Forest friendly last year.

The shoot-out started with the Sting's Pato Margetic, but Cosmos 'keeper Hugo Birkenmeir saved.

Then, Sting 'keeper Dieter Ferner did likewise to Seninho's effort. Scot Derek Spalding shot wide and Chinaglia also missed. Still 0-0.

Ingo Peter shot straight at Birkenmeir, but Yugoslav Vladislav Bogicevic made no mistake to give the Cosmos the lead.

Sting's top scorer Karl-Heinz Granitz tied the score, but the Cosmos' Ivan Buljan missed.

So it came down to Rudy Glenn for Chicago and Torontoborn Robert Iaruscி for the Cosmos.

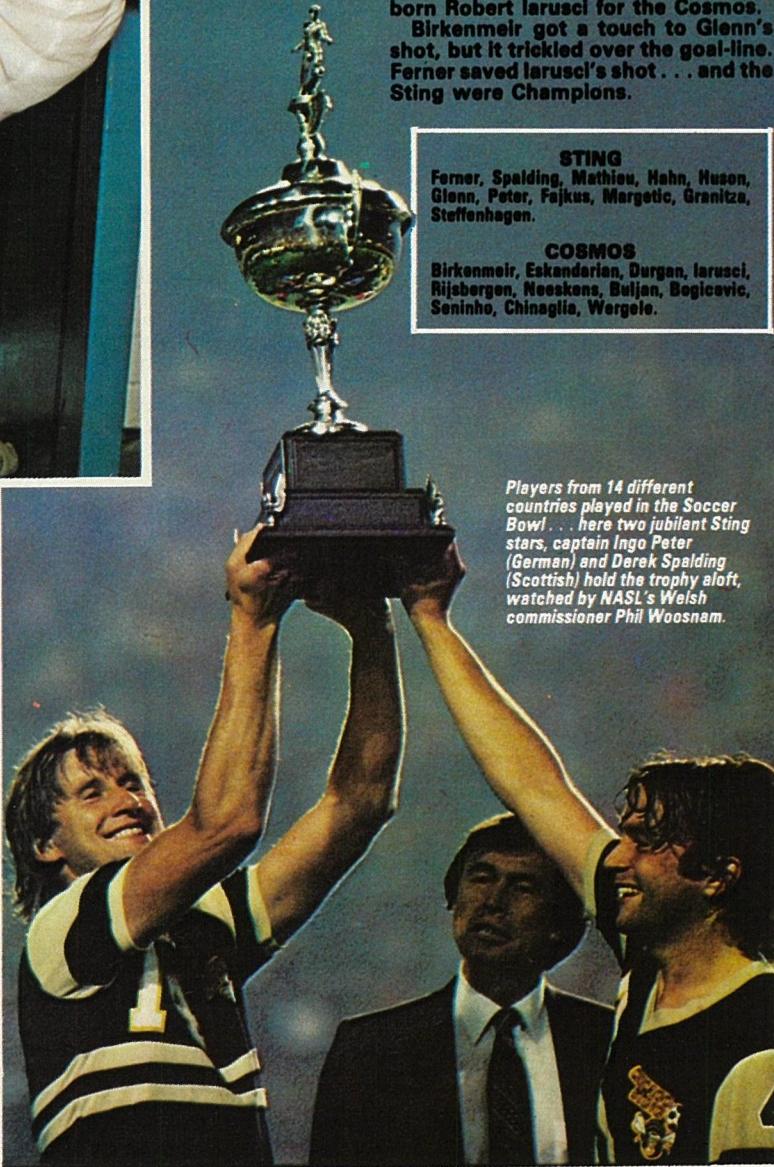
Birkenmeir got a touch to Glenn's shot, but it trickled over the goal-line. Ferner saved Iaruscி's shot . . . and the Sting were Champions.

## STING

Ferner, Spalding, Mathieu, Hahn, Husen, Glenn, Peter, Fejkuš, Margetic, Granitz, Steffenhagen.

## COSMOS

Birkenmeir, Eskandarian, Durgan, Iaruscி, Rijssbergen, Neeskens, Buljan, Bogicevic, Seninho, Chinaglia, Wergele.



*Players from 14 different countries played in the Soccer Bowl . . . here two jubilant Sting stars, captain Ingo Peter (German) and Derek Spalding (Scottish) hold the trophy aloft, watched by NASL's Welsh commissioner Phil Woosnam.*

**S**OMEHOW it was almost incidental to the 1981 soccer season in the North American Soccer League when the Chicago Sting beat the Cosmos after a shootout in the Toronto Soccer Bowl.

Despite the continuing interest in the game among the youth of the USA, the great U.S. soccer boom remains something of a damp squib.

It's almost certain that from 21 in 1981 the NASL will be reduced to 16 clubs next year; yet ironically the demise of five clubs could mean the salvation of the rest.

Atlanta Chiefs, California Surf, Washington Diplomats, Dallas Tornado and Calgary Boomers have gone to the wall. Tampa Bay Rowdies have taken over the Dallas club in a merger; it doesn't necessarily follow that the rest will go under, but unless new owners willing to buy the franchise step forward that's what will happen.

The only bright spot of the season, when gates almost everywhere were down, was Le Manic de Montreal, who averaged 23,703, excellent for a first year club and they even had 58,000 at one game. At least this gives hope for owners of new clubs.

### Failed

Even the baseball strike during the summer failed to lure more people to games.

The NASL has been hurt, to some extent, by the ban on loan players from Britain, but the main problem is that the American game is sub-standard, lacks pace, atmosphere and a sense of reality. Too many artificial pitches aren't helping, either.

So far, with one or two exceptions, top-class American players have not emerged and this hit the U.S. national team which again failed to qualify for the World Cup Finals.

NASL clubs have to field three North American players at all times, but many clubs get around this by using Canadian players or players who have assumed American nationality, such as Giorgio Chinaglia. The irony of using Canadian players is that

# U.S. SOCCER IN A POOR STATE

- Attendances down
- Five clubs bankrupt
- No boom during baseball strike
- Few top-class Americans

Canada knocked the U.S. out of the World Cup, even though American clubs refused to release key Canadian players.

In a 16-club League things should be better. It could lead to an increase in the standard of play and to a continuity which has been lacking as teams come and go with each season.

At a recent meeting of owners the usual radical remedies were proposed, such as tampering with the rules, particularly by those owners with little background in the game.

However, cooler heads prevailed in the end and the NASL will play to FIFA rules in '82, thus avoiding another confrontation with the world body.

American sports fans, bred on grid iron football, baseball and ice-hockey, are used to seeing



Franz Mathieu and 'keeper Dieter Ferner celebrate(!) Chicago Sting's victory in the Soccer Bowl after beating the Cosmos.

### NASL roll of honour

1968.....	Atlanta Chiefs
1969.....	Kansas City Spurs
1970.....	Rochester Lancers
1971.....	Dallas Tornado
1972.....	New York Cosmos
1973.....	Philadelphia Atoms
1974.....	Los Angeles Aztecs
1975.....	Tampa Bay Rowdies
1976.....	Toronto Metros
1977.....	New York Cosmos
1978.....	New York Cosmos
1979.....	Vancouver Whitecaps
1980.....	New York Cosmos
1981.....	Chicago Sting

Soccer Bowl, the equivalent of the F.A. Cup Final, received very little publicity in Toronto. A spokesperson for the well-known public relations company handling Soccer Bowl said: "I've never in my career had so much trouble getting sports editors to cover event as I have this one. All sports editors in this city hate soccer."

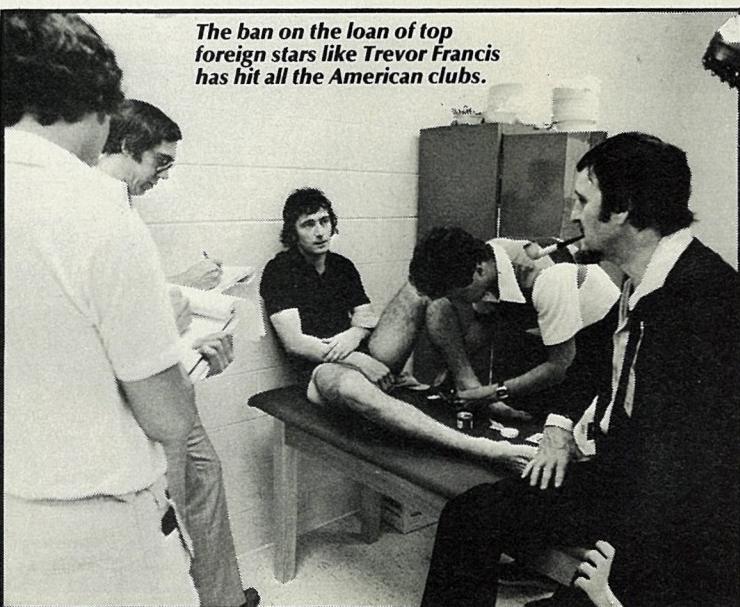
In fact, in order to get some publicity the P.R. company bought a whole page in the *Toronto Star*.

Because of poor figures last year, there was no live TV coverage of the Final. The whole match was shown the following day, Sunday, at midday by ABC.

Ironically, it was a first class game, despite regular and overtime being goalless. The Most Valuable Player award went to the Sting's Haitian defender Frantz Mathieu, who marked Cosmos dangerman Giorgio Chinaglia out of the game.

Incidentally, only two British players were on view at the Exhibition Stadium, Scot Derek Spalding and Jersey-born Dave

*The ban on the loan of top foreign stars like Trevor Francis has hit all the American clubs.*



plenty of goals/points in their favourite games. However entertaining, a match ending 1-0 is not a success in American eyes and alien as it may seem to us, a game with, say, no offside and wider goals — and a 10-9 scoreline — would be marvellous.

Soccer will always be a minority sport compared with the Big Three, or Big Four if you include basketball. It's a question of how big a minority.

There were, from soccer's point of view, some serious undertones last season, with suggestions that owners of the majority sports were putting pressure on the media to restrict soccer coverage so as not to harm the big money games. In a word — censorship.

## Final tables

	GAMES PLAYED	WON	WON	SHOOTOUTS LOST	SHOOTOUTS LOST	GOALS FOR	GOALS AGAINST	BONUS POINTS	TOTAL POINTS
<b>EASTERN DIVISION</b>									
**New York	32	23	(1)	9	(3)	80	49	64	200
*Montreal	32	15	(2)	17	(5)	63	57	55	141
Washington	32	15	(3)	17	(4)	59	58	51	135
Toronto	32	7	(1)	25	(1)	39	82	37	77
<b>SOUTHERN DIVISION</b>									
**Atlanta	32	17	(2)	15	(2)	62	60	53	151
*Ft. Lauderdale	32	18	(4)	14	(3)	54	46	44	144
*Jacksonville	32	18	(4)	14	(4)	51	46	41	141
*Tampa Bay	32	15	(2)	17	(0)	63	64	53	139
<b>CENTRAL DIVISION</b>									
**Chicago	32	23	(3)	9	(0)	84	50	63	195
*Minnesota	32	19	(3)	13	(1)	63	57	55	163
*Tulsa	32	17	(1)	15	(6)	60	49	54	154
Dallas	32	5	(1)	27	(1)	27	71	26	54
<b>WESTERN DIVISION</b>									
**San Diego	32	21	(4)	11	(2)	68	49	55	173
*Los Angeles	32	19	(1)	13	(0)	53	55	48	160
California	32	11	(0)	21	(0)	60	77	51	117
San Jose	32	11	(0)	21	(1)	44	78	42	108
<b>NORTHWEST DIVISION</b>									
**Vancouver	32	21	(1)	11	(2)	74	43	62	186
*Calgary	32	17	(1)	15	(0)	59	54	51	151
*Portland	32	17	(3)	15	(1)	52	49	45	141
*Seattle	32	15	(2)	17	(3)	60	62	51	137
Edmonton	32	12	(0)	20	(0)	60	79	51	123

(Total Points-Win: 6 Pts (Regulations, Overtime), 4 Pts (Shootout), Loss: 0 Pts, Bonus Points: one point is awarded for each goal scored in regulation up to a maximum of three per team per game. No bonus points are awarded for goals scored in overtime or the team shootout goal.) \*\*Clinched division title; \*Clinched playoff berth.

## How they reached the Soccer Bowl

TAMPA	COSMOS (bye)	COSMOS
VANCOUVER	TAMPA	COSMOS
MINNESOTA	MINNESOTA	FT. LAUDERDALE
TULSA		
FT. LAUDERDALE	FT. LAUDERDALE	
CALGARY		
SAN DIEGO	SAN DIEGO	SAN DIEGO
PORTLAND		
JACKSONVILLE	JACKSONVILLE	CHICAGO
ATLANTA		
SEATTLE	CHICAGO	CHICAGO
CHICAGO	MONTREAL	CHICAGO
MONTREAL	LOS ANGELES	

Former Peruvian star Teofilo Cubillas is one of the biggest names in the NASL.

### Huson.

It was Chicago's first sporting victory for 18 years and their triumph was good for the NASL. Nobody except the Cosmos wants a Cosmos monopoly and attendances have been good in the Windy City, as Chicago is nicknamed.

### Best Game

So, the 1981 season finished on a high note, with what was probably the best game of the year.

1982 could be make-or-break for the NASL. It probably expanded too quickly, and now, with 16, it should be more competitive and the standard may rise.

The owners will be keeping a close eye on attendances and finances; if things don't improve we can expect more nights of the long knives in the land of have a nice day.



## Chicago Sting — the United connection

THE STING were formed in 1975, but in the six years they've been part of the Windy City's sports scene they've made steady progress.

Owner Lee Stern unveiled the Sting with former Manchester United defender Bill Foulkes as coach, and in their first season, with Gordon Hill, then of Millwall, on loan, missed the playoffs by a single point.

In 1976 they won their division and were beaten by eventual NASL Champions Toronto in the playoffs.

1977 was not a good year and Willy Roy replaced Foulkes midway through the campaign; results took an immediate turn for the better.

The Sting started 1978 without Roy — former West Ham star Malcolm Musgrave was in charge — and paid dearly. The poorest start by any team in the NASL's history resulted in Roy's return and Chicago became the most explosive side in the League, ending with a W16 L14 record. At the end of the season the Sting became the first NASL club to return unbeaten from a tour of Europe.

In 1980 the Sting were firing on all cylinders with a 21-11 record, losing to San Diego in the playoffs after a shootout.

## Sting's coach — a former wrestler!

WILLY ROY is unknown in Britain — but in America soccer he's a legend.

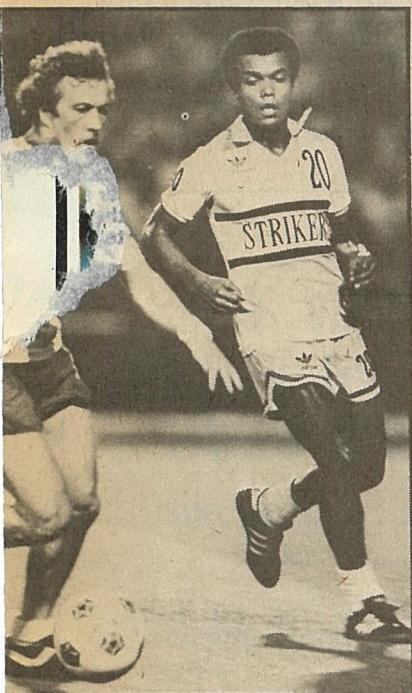
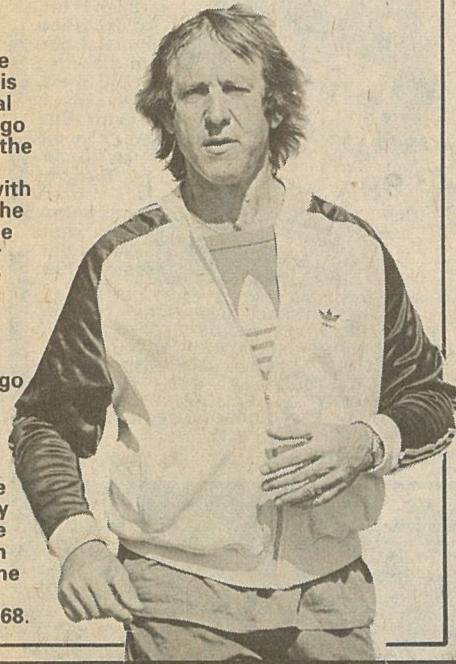
He was the NASL's Rookie (newcomer) of the Year in his first season as a professional player, 1967, with the Chicago Spurs. Roy won 22 caps for the U.S. national team.

From 1968-1974 he was with the Kansas City Spurs and the St. Louis Stars. He joined the Sting in 1975, but his career was halted in 1976 when he broke a leg.

Now 38, Roy, the former All-America wrestler at the University of Illinois, has a coaching record with Chicago of W76 L44 in the regular season.

He was recently named Coach of the Year for 1981.

Previous winners include Alan Hinton (Seattle), Tony Waiters (Vancouver), Eddie Firmani (Tampa Bay), John Sewell (St Louis) — and the very first selection, Phil Woosnam of Atlanta in 1968.



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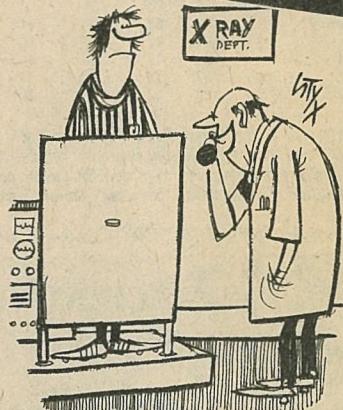
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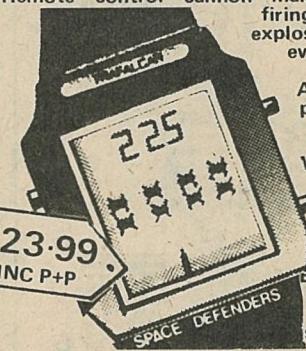


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# QUIZ TIME



## PAST STARS . . .

1. The late Bill Shankly (above) was a former Scotland international wing-half. Did he represent his country on five, six or seven occasions?
2. Wales manager Mike England played for three Football League clubs during his playing career. Tottenham and Cardiff City were two . . . can you name the other?
3. Rearrange the jumbled letters to find the name of one of England's top post-War goalkeepers . . . ROODGNNSNABK.
4. Who scored West Bromwich Albion's winning goal against Everton in the 1968 F.A. Cup Final at Wembley?
5. You all know Gary Bailey plays for Manchester United. His father Roy also played goalkeeper and helped which club to win the Football League Championship in 1961-62?

## ON THE BALL ANSWERS

ACROSS:—(3) Heath, (4) Waldron, (11) Hindmarch, (13) Aura, (14) Ajax, (15) Ne(x)t, (16) Carr, (18) Mick, (20) Inks, (21) Lawrenson, (23) Roberts, (26) Blair.  
DOWN:—(1) Dell, (2) Star, (5) Annex, (6) Damp, (7) Oar, (8) Shankly, (9) Sharing, (10) Lukic, (12) Banks, (17) Asset, (19) Here, (22) Woo, (24) Bill, (25) Reid.

## . . . AND PRESENT

1. In Tottenham's 3-0 victory against Nottingham Forest at White Hart Lane this month, Spurs' Osvaldo Ardiles played his 100th, 150th or 200th League and Cup appearance for the club (below)?
2. Asa Hartford was recently transferred back to Manchester City from Everton for £350,000. He



has played for two other League clubs . . . can you name them?

3. Who is captain of Scottish Premier Division club Aberdeen?
4. Liverpool's Terry McDermott made his full England debut against Switzerland, Scotland or Sweden in September, 1976, 1977 or 1978?
5. Bobby Campbell has been scoring goals for which club this season?



## LEAGUE CUP

The Second Round first-legs of the Football League Cup were played recently. Can you answer the following questions about the ties?

1. Barnsley won 2-0 at home to which First Division club?
2. Brighton lost 1-0 to Halifax, Hull or Huddersfield Town?
3. Arsenal also lost 1-0, to Sheffield United. Was the game played at Highbury or Bramall Lane?
4. Who scored the equalising goal for Chelsea at Southampton?
5. Millwall drew 3-3 with which Third Division club?

## TRUE OR FALSE?

1. Sunderland's worst defeat was by 8-0 at West Ham in the First Division on October 19, 1968.
2. Rangers have won the Scottish League Cup on more occasions than rivals Celtic.
3. Third Division Wimbledon have been a member of the Football League longer than Fourth Division Hereford United.
4. Ally MacLeod (left) was manager of the Scotland international side before Jock Stein took over.
5. Bournemouth play their home Fourth Division games at Dane Court.

## ANSWERS:

PICTURE PUZZLE 1. Pedro  
2. Jeff  
3. Willie Miller  
4. Blackburn  
5. Gordon Banks  
6. Bristol  
7. West  
8. Nottingham  
9. Bradford  
10. Brian Clough  
11. Alan Sunderland  
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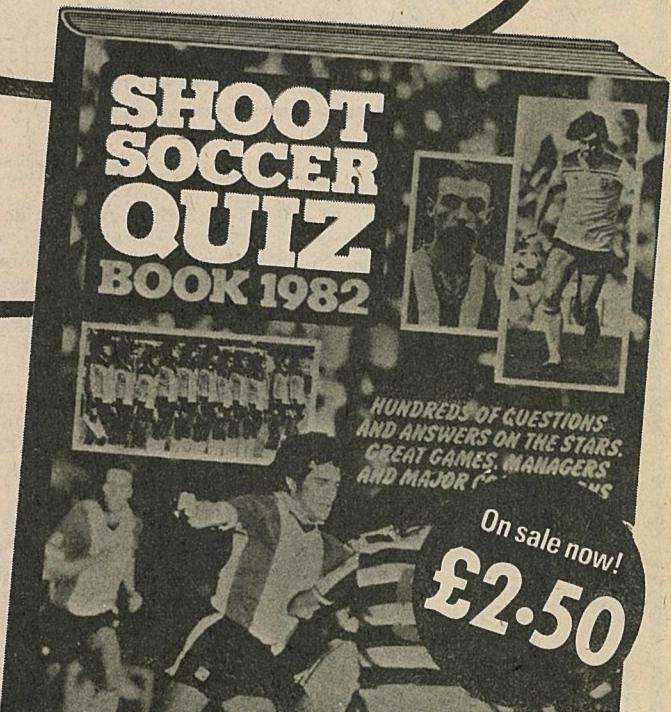
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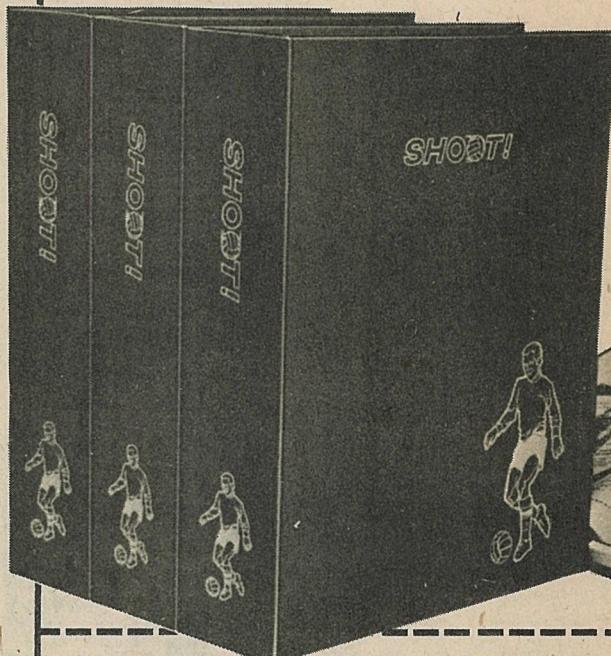
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# KEEGAN AND BEST HELP PROVAN TO SPAIN



Celtic's Davie Provan keeps two special names in his mind to illustrate the rich prize of playing in the World Cup Finals.

Provan is Scotland's flying wingman and recent partner to John Robertson on opposite flanks of the Scottish attack.

And the words? "Keegan and Best. You've only got to think of those two names, two of the greatest players Britain has ever seen, to remember what a rare honour it is to play for your country in the World Cup Finals," said Provan.

"Neither Kevin nor George has ever made it to the Finals. Maybe Kevin won't this time either ... that remains to be seen. But when I think of two such great players missing out on the World Cup Finals, I realise how important it is for me to play well enough to win a place in the Scottish squad."

Scotland's place in Spain seems assured. And Provan seized an ideal chance of enhancing his claims by playing his best game for Scotland in the crucial 2-0 win against Sweden at Hampden Park last month.



Kevin Keegan is still not assured of a World Cup Final spot.

"I hadn't been very pleased with my previous performances," he said. "I was glad to get a good game under my belt. I would love to consolidate my position in the pool. That is the hardest part of all because Jock Stein has so many useful players to select from."

Provan sees his chief challengers for a place in the squad for Spain as Leeds' Arthur Graham, Rangers' Davie Cooper and Aberdeen's Peter Weir. He rates Nottingham Forest's John Robertson as the

clear number one winger, saying: "Robbo has proved himself the top man."

"The question is, whether Jock Stein would include two wide players even in vital World Cup matches. I feel I could do a good job and I know one thing — I'm desperate to be involved in the World Cup."

"I think John Robertson and I worked well on opposite flanks in the Swedish match. They obviously knew much more about 'Robbo' so they tried to close him down all the time. That gave me more time and space and I felt I did well."

"In the games where the boss has played two wide men, we have had to win and score goals. Whether he will keep that formation if we're in Spain, I don't know."

Provan forecasts "a mad scramble for places" in Scotland's squad for the Finals. "There are going to be a lot of disappointed players around," he warns.

## Advantage

In some respects, Provan might have an advantage over Anglo-Scots such as Arthur Graham. Stein, based in Glasgow, is bound to see more of players like Provan than Scots playing for English clubs.

But Provan says: "That can be an advantage and disadvantage. Mr Stein is likely to see you have a bad game at some stage, whereas he may not see the Scottish lads playing for English clubs when they're off form."

At 25, Davie Provan has shown he can cope with some of the world's best defenders. His patience, bravery and ability to switch flanks and counter tight defensive patterns was of paramount importance to Celtic in their recent European Cup-tie against Juventus. His wingplay and persistence that night were impressive.

He has, of course, played in midfield for Celtic, but he writes off any suggestions that he might try for a midfield berth in the Scottish side. "I fancy my chances more as a winger. I'm a better player there and besides, Scotland have so many good midfielders. I doubt whether I'd get a look in."

"Scotland could do well in Spain. But no one will come out and forecast great victories and expect to win the trophy. That happened in 1978."

"I believe Scotland will be much more of a threat this time because the manager won't allow that kind of thing to happen. Mr Stein will have the players in the correct frame of mind. We will be much better prepared for these Finals and we shall have a much more experienced manager. That, too, will be important."

# PAUL MILLER defends Spurs' defence

THE Tottenham defence took its usual share of 'stick' when they welcomed in the new season by conceding a flurry of goals.

It was more intense than usual this time because they had just invested £300,000 to sign England goalkeeper Ray Clemence from Liverpool.

And Clemence's sanity was being questioned as cynics wondered what on earth had got into him to choose to play behind a defence as wobbly as Spurs' is supposed to be.

The criticism is nothing new to those who play at the back for the White Hart Lane club. They have been hearing it for some time now.

And Paul Miller makes it clear they are learning to live with it.

"We all think it's unfair. But we know it's not going to change — so we just get on with the job and try to let it go over our heads," says Miller.

"It's a fact of life that people will only remember your mistakes. That's all they want to do."

"We had a great run from Christmas on last season, when we really tightened up and gave nothing away on our way to winning the F.A. Cup."

Graham Roberts (right) and Chris Hughton shut out Forest's Justin Fashanu in Spurs' 3-0 home win.



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"I did not hear the people who are criticising us now handing out lavish praise then — and that can't be right."

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"We started this season with a sickening list of injuries that no side in the country could have overcome."

"Everyone knows about Garth Crooks and Steve Archibald. And even though they are front players they did a great job last season of putting the opposition under pressure. Their chasing back was enabling us to win the ball in the other team's half of the field."

"Skipper Steve Perryman missed the first two weeks of pre-season training with injury and at various times since the start we have lost Ossie Ardiles, Tony Galvin, Paul Price, Ricky Villa and Mark Falco."

"Paul is the centre-half we signed from Luton during the summer. With new men in that position and in goal it took time to settle — for they are vital roles."

### 'Silly mistakes'

"What you must avoid doing while the understanding comes is making silly mistakes and giving away goals."

"Unfortunately that is exactly what we did, which gave the headline writers a field day."

"Because of our uncertain start confidence took a knock. But recent results have helped to restore that and that is good, because the game is all about confidence — you can't be successful without it."

"Nearly all the criticism stemmed from the home defeats by West Ham and Aston Villa, when we conceded seven goals."

"They were two bad games for us, and we deserved every bit of criticism we received. But since then we have worked hard together and really done well."

"Ray Clemence has made a big difference. His experience has proved invaluable to us. After the Villa defeat we conceded just three goals in our next nine games. That's hardly the record of a poor defence, is it?"

"I just wish the critics would give the Spurs defence the credit we now deserve."

**A** LOT happened to Andy Blair on his way from Highfield Road to Villa Park last summer.

The straightforward journey is an 18-mile spin along the M6 motorway but Andy took a more complicated route after his last First Division appearance for Coventry City against Nottingham Forest in May.

It involved 15 international air flights, meetings with two new managers, a complicated price-fixing verdict by the Independent

Tribunal and a ten-day tour around Europe before he made his English debut for Aston Villa.

As soon as last season finished, the exciting Scottish Under-21 international midfield prospect jetted out to the Far East for an arduous series of matches — and a double-figure tally of trips by air — in Hong Kong, Malaysia, Indonesia and Thailand.

Coventry's jet-age squad then returned to the Midlands for a first meeting with new boss Dave Sexton. And for Blair it was time to discuss terms for a new contract.

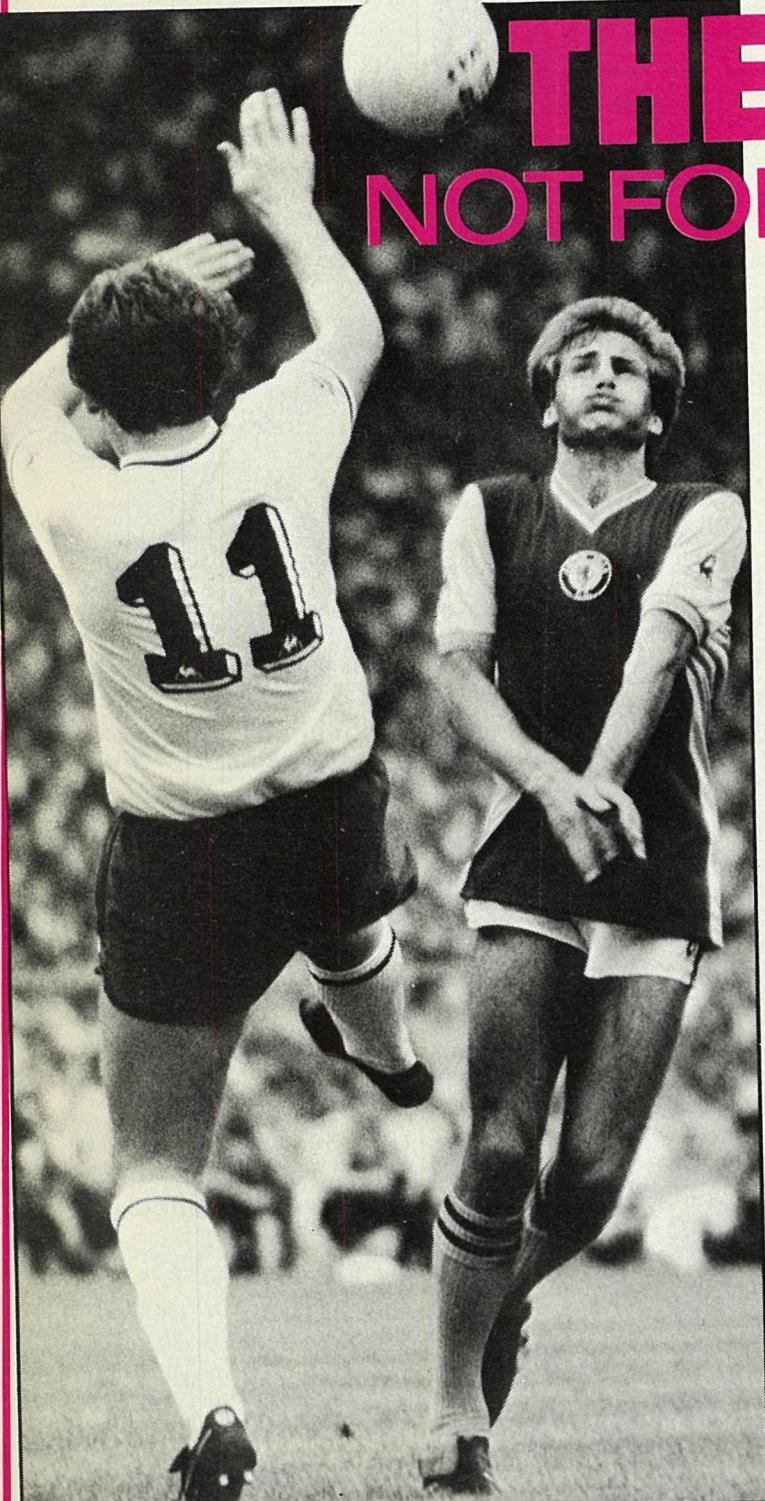
Negotiations failed to produce a satisfactory agreement and Blair exercised his option as a free agent to talk with the League Champions' manager, Ron Saunders. But the two clubs were more than £200,000 apart on their valuation.

The Tribunal was called in to arbitrate and settled a fee of £300,000 but with Villa to pay 50 per cent of any profit over the next four years to Coventry.

Blair finally signed for Villa on Saturday, July 29, and was airborne 48 hours later for a pre-season programme of two games in Switzerland and another two in Greece.

"Obviously I didn't expect to walk into the Champions' first team and the only problem about the tour was that I got just 45 minutes' football against Frauen-

# TOUGH AT THE TOP? NOT FOR BLAIR



feld in Switzerland," he said.

"Training-wise, that wasn't so good. I was not involved in enough hard work and I wasn't as fit as usual at the start of the season. But I learned enough about Villa. The lads work so hard for each other and good teamwork was one of the reasons for joining Villa."

Blair then received an unexpected thrill when an injury to skipper Dennis Mortimer gave him a debut at Wembley in the Charity Shield. "Being realistic, I knew I wouldn't get a game because the Charity Shield is a reward for the team that won the League."

"But it was a nice opportunity to play as substitute. I had never even seen a professional match at Wembley, but perhaps it was a reward for missing Wembley when Coventry lost in the League Cup Semi-Final last season."

## Surprise

Comparing Coventry and Villa, Andy dropped a surprise — he reckons the Sky Blues had a tougher season, mentally, in avoiding relegation than Villa did in capturing the title.

"It was a hard season and I really believe it's tougher at the bottom," he argued. "There were times when I was scared stiff before important games — and I'm not even a nervous type of person. I wouldn't want to be in that position again."

But surely he was giving up the security of a First Division place in leaving Highfield Road? "That's true," he agreed. "But there were a lot of personal things behind the move and the fans will never know about them. I was prepared to take my chance at Villa Park, even if it meant starting in the reserves."

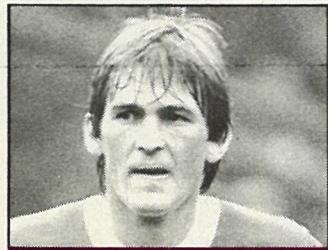
"The way I see it is that if I can command a regular place with Villa, then I must become a better player."

Tottenham's Mark Falco surrenders this midfield battle to Blair during the Charity Shield meeting at Wembley.

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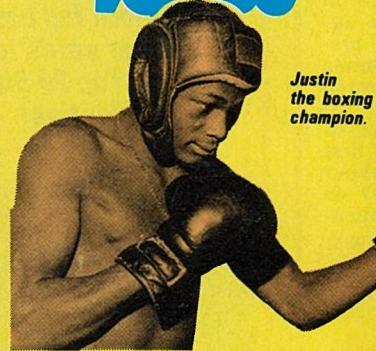
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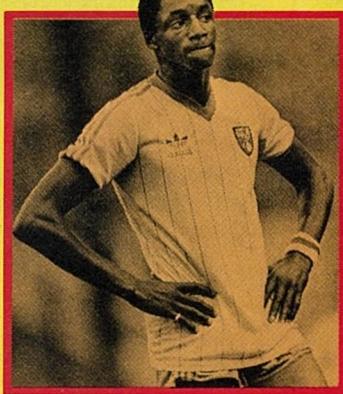
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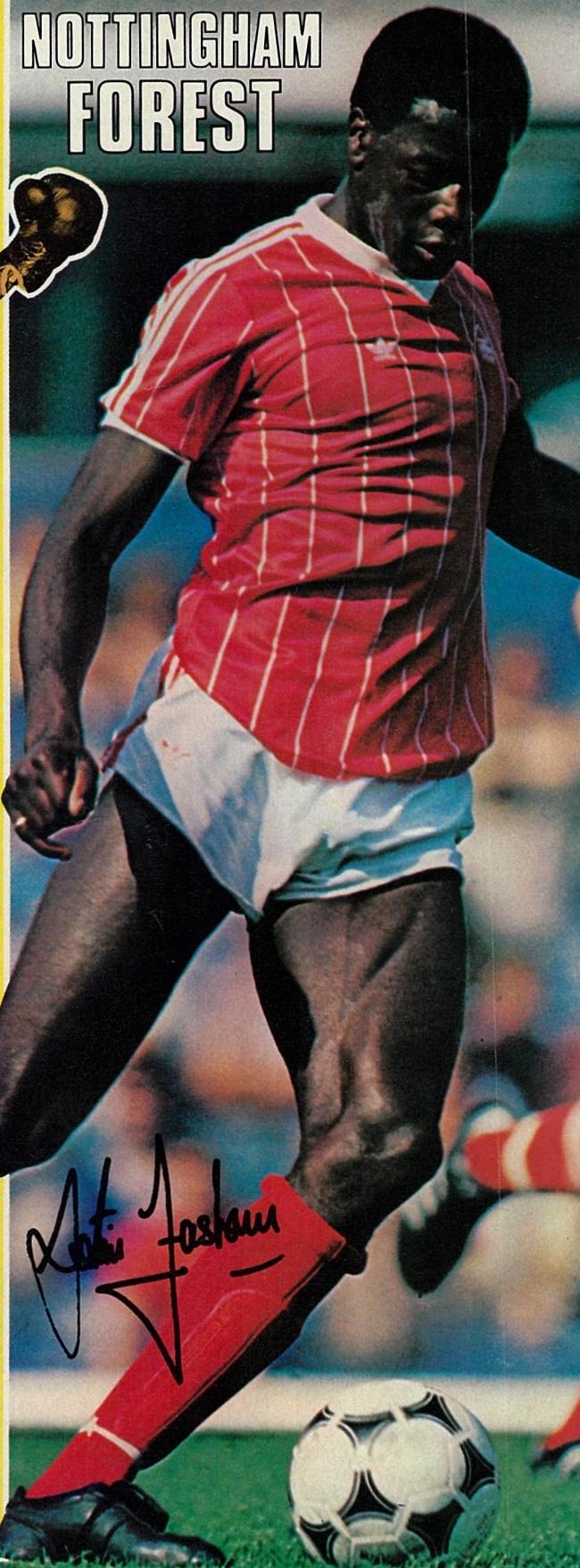
**FULL NAME:** Justinus Soni Fashanu  
**BIRTHPLACE:** Hackney Hospital, London  
**BIRTHDATE:** February 19, 1961  
**HEIGHT:** 6ft 1in  
**WEIGHT:** 13 stone  
**MARRIED:** No  
**CAR:** BMW 323i  
**PREVIOUS CLUBS:** Norwich City  
**JOB OR TRADE BEFORE TURNING PRO:** Steel erector (4 weeks)  
**NICKNAME:** 'Fash'  
**FAVOURITE NEWSPAPER:** Daily Star  
**FAVOURITE PLAYER:** The Forest team  
**A PLAYER FOR THE FUTURE:** John Fashanu (Norwich City)  
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Justin's brother John, a young star at Norwich.

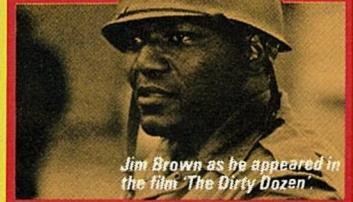


# Justin Fashanu

## NOTTINGHAM FOREST



**MOST ADMIRE:** Jim Brown (American footballer who never missed a game in ten years)  
**YOUR BEST EVER ALL-TIME XI:** Brazil's 1970 World Cup-winning team  
**MOST MEMORABLE MATCH:** Debut for Norwich v WBA  
**BIGGEST DISAPPOINTMENT:** Norwich being relegated last season  
**FRIENDLIEST AWAY FANS:** Norwich City  
**BEST STADIUM PLAYED IN:** I am still waiting to play at the best — Wembley  
**FAVOURITE FOOD AND DRINK:** Salads and water  
**MISCELLANEOUS LIKES . . .**  
**DISLIKES:** Scoring goals . . .  
**Smoking**  
**FAVOURITE SINGERS:** Various artists (mainly soul and funk)  
**FAVOURITE ACTOR/ACTRESS:** Charles Bronson/Vanessa Redgrave  
**HOLIDAY RESORT:** Marbella



Jim Brown as he appeared in the film 'The Dirty Dozen'.

**FAVOURITE TV SHOWS:** Most sports programmes, Not The Nine O'Clock News  
**BEST FILM SEEN RECENTLY:** Excalibur  
**FAVOURITE ACTIVITY ON DAY OFF:** Relaxing  
**BIGGEST INFLUENCE ON CAREER:** John Bond and the coaching staff at Norwich, because they developed my game  
**SUPERSTITIONS:** None  
**PRE-MATCH MEAL:** Rice pudding and honey  
**INTERNATIONAL HONOURS:** England Youth, Under-21 and 'B' caps  
**PERSONAL AMBITION:** To stay healthy and to be successful with Forest. Also to become a regular full international with England  
**IF NOT A PLAYER, WHAT JOB WOULD YOU DO?** Something connected with sport  
**CAREER AFTER PLAYING:** Something connected with the clothing industry  
**WHICH PERSON IN THE WORLD WOULD YOU MOST LIKE TO MEET?** The person who presents the League Championship at the end of the season and Jim Brown when I go over to America